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## Jazz Club Proposal Hits a Major Chord With Board Approval

A proposal to build a jazz club on the former site of Mike's Tavern on Bayard Lane received a boost last week when members of the Site Plan Review Advisory Board of the Princeton Regional Planning Board (SPRAB) voted to recommend the plans despite anticipated legal battles.

The vote will recommend the approval of plans to tear down the current structure to make way for a 10,750-square-foot, three-level building that would house a 159-seat restaurant serving lunch and dinner seven days a week and featuring live jazz performances.

While the applicant, Hageman Lane resident Stephen Distler, is proposing to demolish the existing building on-site, the application only needs final zoning board approval, not planning board, because he is only seeking a use variance. Mr. Distler is working with architect Terrence Smith, who also designed Triumph Brewing Company on Nassau Street and in New Hope. In April 2004, the zoning board approved the application to use an undersized lot for the purpose of the proposed club, tentatively titled "Astons." The minimum lot size of that zoning district, the S-2, is 32,670 square feet. Astons' proposed lot size, a combination of three lots to be consolidated, is just under 25,000 square feet.

The original application had included satellite parking just south on Bayard Lane near the corner of Leigh Avenue at the former Stefanelli's Automotive Garage, a property that Mr. Distler also owns. But that element was withdrawn in the face of a lawsuit by opposed residents claiming that while Mr. Distler had informed residents within 200 feet of the former Mike's Tavern, he had not sent notice to those residents within 200 feet of Stefanelli's, thus allegedly violating municipal land use law.

That case is still pending, however. A hearing with Superior Court Judge Linda Feinberg is scheduled for February 25 and will look at the Astons application as it was approved by the zoning board — with the off-site parking. The lawsuit also charges that the zoning board did not consider neighboring residents' objections to having a restaurant with live music on that site.

The parking situation was made

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## Township Election Season Begins Early

Calling this early start of the election season the "right time" to announce his intentions as he faces an expiring term on Township Committee, Bill Enslin, a two-term Democrat and a 17-year member of the Princeton Regional Planning Board, announced Monday he would not seek a third term in the November election.

Mr. Enslin then endorsed Vicky Bergman, a five-year member of the planning board, as the candidate he would like to see elected as his successor. Ms. Bergman will run on a Democratic ticket that will include incumbent Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller.

Mr. Enslin, 69, indicated that he might be willing to serve on various task forces or commissions after he is out of office. "I would like to protect my options, but as special situations come up, I would like to participate in whatever capacity the mayor should decide." An indication that Mr. Enslin may have already made up his mind about not seeking re-election came in early January when Bernie Miller became deputy mayor — a post Mr. Enslin had held for two and a half years.

A retired senior vice president of Lockheed Martin Corp., Mr. Miller was nominated to Township Committee in June 2002 to fill a seat after Committeeman Steve Frakt resigned. Mr. Miller

was subsequently elected to a three-year term the following November. Mr. Miller had made an unsuccessful bid for Committee in 1983 when he and Democrat Eleanor Lewis lost to incumbents Winthrop Pike and Bill Cherry. Outlining his goals for a second full term on Committee, Mr. Miller placed an emphasis on increasing senior housing, maintaining the Township's AAA bond rating, and addressing infrastructural demands as the municipality becomes more developed.

Ms. Bergman, 60, is by no means an unfamiliar presence in the Township.

The Leabrook Lane resident served nine years on the Township's Zoning Board of Adjustment in addition to her five years on the planning board, three years of which she served as chair. Throughout her time on the planning board, Ms. Bergman consistently supported change from a developmental stance. In her run proves successful, she said she would bring much of what she promoted on the planning board to the dais at Township Hall by looking at development one instance at a time. "Princeton is pretty much built-out," she

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## Chief Federico Begins New Post Within a Changing Community

After serving the Princeton Borough Police Department for 25 years as both an officer and captain, Anthony Federico was appointed to the position of chief of police by Borough Council last week. And, Chief Federico couldn't be more thrilled.

"This is basically my community; I've lived here my whole life," he said in a recent interview.

As all administrative positions in the police department are geared toward preparing for the chief's position, Chief Federico said that, after serving as captain for almost four years, he was look-

ing forward to moving up to head of the department: "It's quite an honor to be able to be chief of police in the community you grew up in, and have worked for throughout your adult career."

Remembering Princeton as a "quiet, sleepy-type community with a small-town atmosphere," he said that he has watched the town grow to become a small city over the years, recalling that when he began foot patrol back in 1980, downtown shops were closed on Sunday, and patrolling would end by 8 p.m.

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THE CHANGING FACE OF COMMITTEE: Township Committeeman Bill Enslin, center, announced he would not seek re-election in the fall, but used the opportunity to endorse Democrats Vicky Bergman, and incumbent Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller. Currently, there are no Republicans vying for the open seats.

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## University Can Proceed Cautiously With Expansion Plans, Says Borough

Princeton University appeared before Borough Council last week to discuss the possibility of doubling from 100,000 to 200,000 square feet the amount of land it is now able to use for development expansion in the area surrounding the Engineering School on Olden Street.

Robert Durkee, the University's vice president and secretary, was told to proceed cautiously with plans for expansion by Borough Mayor Joe O'Neill, who added that an ongoing dialog would need to take place before anything was officially approved.

Emphasizing the University's desire to stay pedestrian friendly, Mr. Durkee told Council that the development expansion would help the school reach its ultimate goal of having all of its main buildings on the main campus.

"We want to grow and change over time in ways that

sustain the community," he said. "We have a terrific engineering facility...but it needs to grow on this side of [Lake Carnegie]."

The University was scheduled to go before the Borough Zoning Board in December with a proposal to build a 27,071 square foot engineering building at the northwest corner of Olden and William streets, but the appointment was rescheduled for March. The application proposed tearing down two former student houses on Olden Street to construct a new building, which would have fallen outside the Borough's E-3 zoning district.

Mr. Durkee came before Council on Tuesday, February 1, to ask if the Borough would consider changing the development rights of areas east of Olden Street, between William Street and Murray Place. He said the University would withdraw its applica-

tion to the zoning board if the Borough showed sufficient interest in approving the expansion.

The University has currently used 95,000 square feet of the allotted 100,000 square feet it has available in the E-3 zone. Along with asking for an additional 100,000 square feet for development in the E Quad, Mr. Durkee also asked that the Borough consider changing the setback line of Murray Place properties from 250 feet to 150 feet.

Councilman David Goldfarb said he was against additional development on Olden Street, as traffic patterns on the road already make it a dangerous area for pedestrians.

"By adding more development there, you're making the situation worse," he said, adding that he didn't anticipate Murray Place residents accepting a change in their property lines, as they were opposed to the idea in 1990 when the E-3 zone was first created.

Councilman Roger Martindell said he would like to see the University make a formal, long-term financial agreement with the Borough before Council proceeds with the expansion conversation.

The University's donations toward the Borough's 2005 budget is an estimated \$819,000.

"I think we've been very responsive...and we will continue to have those conversations," said Mr. Durkee.

Mr. Goldfarb said he felt a conversation on the University's contributions to the Borough could parallel one on expansion, rather than precede it.

Both Mr. Martindell and Mr. Goldfarb told the University that they see this as an ongoing conversation that could take up to six months to resolve completely. Council added, however, that it is open to negotiations.

— Candace Braun

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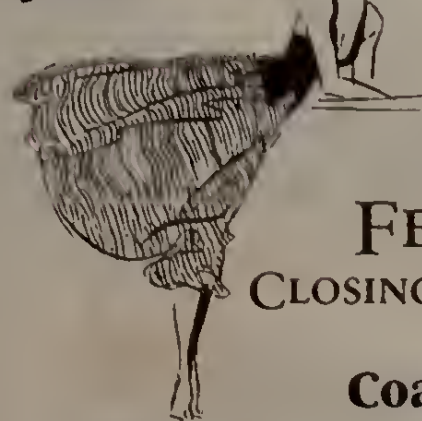
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**SUN AND SNOW:** Basking on a winter's day at the Princeton Shopping Center, this resident is taking an early spring break from issues like snow removal, snow shoveling, and the pros and cons of sidewalk installation. (Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

## A Tale of Two Sidewalks, Road Repair, And How Neighborhoods Handle Change

Princeton Township Committee introduced a whole laundry list of bond ordinances Monday night that, if passed, would authorize either installation, repair, or replacement of

sidewalks in several neighborhoods around the Township.

On that list were plans to build sidewalks around the Princeton Shopping Center neighborhood, including portions of Grover, Dorann, and Clearview avenues. Those neighborhoods, which have several young families with small children, have been targeted by the Township as areas in need of sidewalks.

Also on the list of repairs and improvements Monday night was an ordinance introduction to appropriate \$100,000 to install a paved pathway along a 1,300-foot

construction of pathways on Snowden, even though it is not a heavily travelled route for Littlebrook Elementary students.

There is a kind of symbiotic relationship between municipalities and neighborhoods in situations like these. The elected members of governing bodies in municipalities set

standards and goals for their communities — in this case, the master plan — that attempt to reflect the will of the residents who elected them.

In light of growing regional traffic flow, it has long been the will of this Township Committee to increase walkability by providing "a pedestrian and bicycle pathway network for maximum recreational and circulation use between neighborhoods, recreational areas, schools, and shopping areas."

In the case of Snowden Lane, the recreation areas are Smoyer and Grover parks, the school is Littlebrook, and the shopping area is the Princeton Shopping Center.

Committeeman Bill Hearon and Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller attended neighborhood meetings attempting to find middle ground between gov-

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## TOPICS Of the Town

portion of the Western side of Snowden Lane. That segment between Franklin and Hamilton avenues has long been eyed by the Township as a prime location for a sidewalk.

Residents have resisted, saying the sidewalk proposal goes against the guidelines of the Princeton Community Master Plan that dictate neighborhood character preservation. Those residents also contend that the master plan does not specifically outline plans for sidewalks on that portion of Snowden.

Of the 27 households on that stretch, 11 are in the Borough, and 16 are in the Township. The actual roadway lies in the Township, so while 11 of those homes on the western side of Snowden are in the Borough, they are assessed by the Township in this particular case. Twenty-six of the 27 households on that stretch are opposed to sidewalks.

Residents have asked the Township for traffic-calming measures such as speed bumps, four-way stop signs, and islands and traffic circles, and they fear that once Snowden is not only freshly-paved, but also features a pathway, it will allow drivers to drive faster than the already oft-violated 25 m.p.h. speed limit. Residents also doubt that patrol officers will be able to enforce that speed limit.

Township standards strongly recommend against speed humps because of the damage that they can cause to snow plows, and in several presentations before Township Committee, Township Police have recommended repeatedly that sidewalks be installed as automobile traffic numbers increase in that area. Additionally, the Princeton Regional Board of Education passed a resolution supporting the

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eminent and residents. Those meetings, while successful in producing proposals for alternate versions of sidewalks and tree removal, were not able to fully overcome the will of the residents: pave Snowden, slow traffic, leave room for cyclists, but do not build a sidewalk.

Several Township officials have said publicly that they have never seen such resistance to sidewalk installation, and other officials have privately worried that a lawsuit will follow if Committee

approves the sidewalk measure.

Litigious prospects aside, Committeeman Lance Liverman said he will support sidewalks not only on Snowden, but in other neighborhoods that have been targeted in the Township. Calling his support a "safety issue," Mr. Liverman said a pathway would "enhance Snowden Lane, and be for the better of Princeton."

### Tee-Ar Place

Residents of Tee-Ar Place, which is two blocks west of Snowden Lane off of Franklin Avenue, are faced with a similar situation. In addition to the

forementioned sidewalk projects on neighboring Dorann, Grover, and Clearview Avenues, the Township had approached Tee-Ar residents with a plan to put sidewalks on both sides of the street. The residents resisted, but resisted in a way different from the Snowden neighborhood.

Both neighborhoods were largely established post-World War II, and both neighborhoods share a similar demographic make-up. But Tee-Ar residents responded quite differently than their Snowden neighbors:

"We overall embraced the

fact that [sidewalks] are a good idea and we laid out something that made sense," said Barak Bar-Cohen, a Tee-Ar resident. "You can really benefit more from walking and biking as opposed to getting in your car and driving everywhere."

The main obstacle, Mr. Bar-Cohen said, was that of navigating through the specific needs, desires, requests, and "idiosyncracies" of all the residents involved. "I think from day one, we took the approach that as long as the Township is willing to work with us, and help us answer questions, and give us opportunities to spend time with them, and followed a robust, inclusive process, we would have a shot at reaching a compromise that made sense to everyone."

An ordinance for Tee-Ar Place is expected to be introduced on February 28, but the Township is waiting for residents there to finalize details such as lighting and tree planting.

The overall experience, Mr. Bar-Cohen said, was a positive one for the community in another sense as well. He said he and his neighbors, by working together on a plan for their street, became, in fact, more neighborly.

"It's kind of nice. We wave to each other more often, we stop and talk, we're going to have a barbecue on Memorial Day at the park."

"I think spending time together has given us an appreciation of who our neighbors are, and going through this exercise has made the neighborhood that much more fun to live in."

It's certainly a more complex situation over on Snowden Lane. But what happens when, at the end of the day, residents simply do not want sidewalks and the municipality does? The public hearing for the Snowden ordinance is scheduled for March 7 at 7 p.m. at Township Hall.

—Matthew Hersh

### Township Democrats Plan Grassroots Campaign

The Princeton Township Democratic Party organization recently announced plans to increase grassroots participation in the selection and development of candidates for local office.

"The 2004 presidential election inspired hundreds of local

Democrats to volunteer during the campaign," said Dan Preston, chair of the Princeton Township Democratic Committee. "Our goal is to build upon that momentum, and encourage more rank and file involvement in Democratic politics at all levels of government."

The plan includes an open process for recruiting and endorsing candidates for local office. The Democratic Party invites Democrats who are interested in running for Township Committee now or in the future to contact Municipal Chair Dan Preston or Vice Chair Michele Tucker-Ponder.

A subcommittee will meet with potential candidates during February and early March to assess their qualifications, and to identify those who may be viable candidates in the near term. The subcommittee will also recommend opportunities for increased civic involvement to potential candidates who demonstrate strong commitment but currently lack sufficient experience to seek an elected position.

Qualified candidates will be invited to appear before the Princeton Community Democratic Organization (PCDO) at its local candidates endorsement night on Sunday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the Suzanne Paterson Senior Center behind Borough Hall. PCDO membership is open to any registered Democrat residing in Princeton Township or Borough. At the meeting, members will have the opportunity to hear the candidates, to question them and, at the end of the evening, to vote their preferences.

To receive a PCDO endorsement, a candidate must win 60 percent approval of members present and voting, including a majority of the votes of members residing in the candidate's home municipality. While the PCDO event provides important input, it is not binding on the Party's decision.

The official Democratic Party endorsement choice rests with the members of the Princeton Township Democratic Committee, who will weigh the input from the candidate selection subcommittee, the PCDO, the candidates themselves and other information. The committee consists of two members (a man and a woman) from each of the Township's 14 voting districts, elected in the Democratic Primary Election every 2 years. The Committee's endorsement

entitles a candidate to use the slogan "Regular Democratic Organization" and provides a preferred position on the primary election ballot. The primary election will be held this year on June 7. Two Democrats have recently announced their candidacies for Princeton Township Committee: Vicky Bergman and incumbent Bernie Miller.

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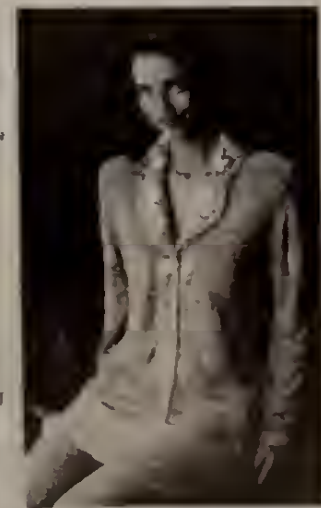
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# Borough Council Debates Snow Removal Requirements

Last week Borough Council introduced an ordinance that would decrease the amount of time residents are given to shovel walkways after a snowstorm, and increase the amount of space that would need to be shoveled.

The ordinance, which hasn't been formally approved by Council, would give residents and merchants 12 daylight hours following a snowstorm to shovel their sidewalks; the current standard is 24 hours. It would also require that sidewalks be shoveled a total of three feet in width.

If the new ordinance is passed, violators would face court fines between \$100 and \$1,500.

The Borough's statute on snow removal was brought to Council's attention following last month's snowstorm. Borough Administrator Bob Bruschi recently asked Council to reexamine the existing ordinance, which hasn't been updated since it was written in 1917, and to make changes that would more readily address the problems pedestrians often deal with in the aftermath of a snowstorm.

Following a Council discussion at the end of January, Borough Attorney Michael Herbert made adjustments to the current snow removal ordinance to comply with the requests of Council. However, Council members objected

to a new paragraph stating that no person, owner, tenant, or occupant of any premises on any street shall throw or deposit snow in the street while shoveling.

"There are places where it's impossible to put it anywhere else," said Councilman David Goldfarb at the February 1 meeting.

After the paragraph was stricken from the ordinance, another item that led to a lengthy discussion among Council members and residents was the width residents should have to shovel. The original ordinance had stipulated no specific width for sidewalk shoveling, and Council was split as to whether the specified width should be 18 inches, or three feet.

The revised ordinance was opposed by Council members Roger Martindell and Wendy Benichley. Mr. Martindell contended that if the Borough demanded three feet, some residents would become cynical and choose not to shovel their walkways at all.

Councilman Andrew Koontz strongly disagreed, saying that most sidewalks are four feet wide, and that there are people who need the entire width of the walk-



**OYSTER MANIA:** The action was swift and slimy as participants gobbled their way through thousands of oysters at Super Bowl Sunday's Oyster Bowl VI at the Blue Point Grill. The sixth annual competition was held to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, N.J. — Race for the Cure.

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way, including pedestrians with canes or guide dogs, strollers, those in wheelchairs, and mail deliverers with mail carts.

"I just don't think 18 inches is wide enough under any circumstances," said Council President Mildred Trotman.

Phyllis Teitelbaum, a resident of Hawthorne Avenue, complained that some residents don't shovel their walk-

ways at all, and thought the ordinance should be less specific, but with a stronger enforcement that targets those people.

Mr. Goldfarb said that the ordinance should set a standard of two feet, which would be enforced by a ticket if residents failed to comply. His suggestion wasn't supported by other Council members.

The ordinance will be for-

mally voted on at the February 22 Council meeting, at which time residents may voice their opinions on the matter.

— Candace Braun

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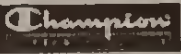
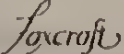
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The Princeton Senior Resource Center (PSRC) will hold Brown Bag discussions on retirement, insurance, and consumer awareness on Thursday, February 17, and Friday, February 18, in the Suzanne Patterson building at 45 Stockton Street. Both discussions will begin at noon.

Guest speakers at the Thursday session, John and Val Darlin, will discuss "Novel Things to Do in Retirement." The Darlins have lived on a boat and taught English in China, as well as housesitting around the country and participating in a language immersion program in Costa Rica. They will be sharing their experiences and advising others about how to embark on similar adventures.

The topic of Friday's Brown Bag discussion will be "Insurance and Consumer Awareness for Seniors — What You Should Know, Part 2." The discussion will be led by Jan Allen from the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance and will be based on actual fraud cases, viaticals/life settlements, promissory notes, homeowners' loss, and "free" medical services.

Both programs are free, but participants should bring their own lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. To pre-register, call PSRC at (609) 924-7108.

### Princeton Library Hosts Kids' Robotic Workshops

Robots will take over the community room of the Princeton Public Library on Saturday, February 12, when the library's Youth Services Department hosts two age-specific robotics workshops and competitions.

Brian Patton of Robodyssey Systems will lead a one-and-a-half-hour session at 10 a.m. for children in grades three and four that are accompanied by a parent or guardian. A session will also be held at 1:30 p.m. for young people in grades five and up.

Mr. Patton will explain the basics of robotics and show how robots can be designed to perform a variety of tasks. Working in pairs, participants will be given the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of simple programming language. No prior knowledge of programming is required and the Robodyssey Software Code generator is easy to use. Skills taught will include software operation, motion control, and complex motion.

After programming is mastered, these skills are put to the test in a series of mini-challenges. In "Stop on the Line," robots are taught to travel exact distances. In

"Find My Way Home," robots go off on their own before returning to the users. Finally, in "Blind Bot's Bluff," robots will navigate a minefield of holes.

Robodyssey Systems is a Trenton-based company that specializes in educational robots. Building robots enables students to learn the basics of mechanics and enhance their computer skills. To learn more, visit their web site at [www.robodyssey.com](http://www.robodyssey.com)

Registration is required for the workshops and space is limited. To register, visit the first floor Welcome Desk; or call (609) 924-9529, ext. 220.

Funding for the robotics workshops was provided by Synnestvedt Lechner & Woodbridge LLP.

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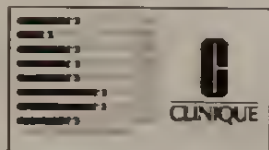
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## Princeton High School Ranks Third In State For SAT Scores

Princeton High School ranked third in the state SAT score average for the second year in a row, according to the recently published New Jersey State Report Cards for the 2003-04 school year.

With an average score of 1237, the school advanced 22 points from last year's average score, and 28 points above its average score for the 2001-02 school year. The state average for 2003-04 was 946. Scores are based on 100 percent of Princeton students taking the test, and 73 percent of the state's students.

"We're very pleased with the results," said Lew Goldstein, assistant superintendent for human resources, public information, and community relations for Princeton. "Even though the SAT is just a snapshot picture of one day in school, it shows what's going on educationally in our schools."

Millburn High School held to the top ranking for the second year in a row, with an average score of 1247, and Montgomery took second place again with a score of 1244.

The average math score for Princeton students was 626, compared to the state's average of 516. The school was well above the state average in verbal scores, with 611, compared to the state's 500.

Princeton proved to have a higher math average than Montgomery's 615; however, Montgomery excelled in verbal, with an average score of 629.

Lawrence High School ranked significantly lower than its neighboring schools, with an average score of 1063, based on a math score of 543 and a verbal score of 520. Hopewell Valley's SAT scores weren't made available

on the state's published report card.

Princeton held the highest scores in the state in 1998-99 and 2000-01, but began falling as Montgomery began preparing students with an after-school SAT prep class, which has intensified over the years.

According to Mr. Goldstein, Princeton isn't disappointed with the report card results, even though the district is no longer number one. Closing the minority achievement gap is Princeton's main focus right now, he said: "You really should be judged on how well you do for the most needy students."

Advanced placement (AP) participation has continued to increase in Princeton, with the total number of AP students taking the AP test in the 2003-04 school year more than doubling from the previous year.

"That's a higher standard of value that colleges look at," said Mr. Goldstein, adding that for some students taking the AP test can prove more valuable in their college education than SAT scores, as students who do well on the test can receive college credit for the course.

"We're very pleased to offer the number of [AP] courses that we do," he said.

The graduation rate also significantly increased in Princeton, to 99 percent in 2004, up from 96 percent the previous year. Approximately 84 percent of Princeton students went on to a four-year college or university in 2004, as compared to 75 percent in 2003. In Montgomery, the number of students increased two percent to 87 percent last year.

The ratio of students per faculty members increased acutely over the last few

years in Princeton; however, the faculty turnover rate was nine percent, which is two percent above the state average. Faculty and administrator credentials in Princeton also decreased over the last three school years, most specifically those staff members with a Ph.D., which decreased from 10 percent in the 2001-02 school year, to five percent in 2003-04.

Princeton's median administrative salary was \$10,000 above the state this past year, at \$108,000, while the years of experience per faculty member stayed at 21, compared to New Jersey's average of 25 years. In Montgomery, the average administrative salary was \$98,000, up \$5,000 from the previous year.

Faculty salaries in Princeton were also higher than the state's average at \$54,000, with an average of six years of experience. Montgomery's average faculty salary was \$42,000, with an average of six years of experience. The state's average salary was \$50,000, with an average of 10 years of experience.

Language diversity was rather low at Princeton High School this past year, with approximately three percent of students speaking Spanish, and two percent speaking Mandarin. That level was higher at John Witherspoon Middle School, where six percent of students spoke Spanish, and almost three percent spoke Mandarin.

Montgomery listed approximately three percent of students speaking Mandarin and less than one percent speaking Spanish. Both Lawrence and Hopewell had minimal amounts of students who spoke a foreign language.

Other statistical information can be found on the website for the New Jersey Department of Education, at <http://education.state.nj.us/>

— Candace Braun



**ALICE IN THE LEAD:** Alice Gallagher looks like a winner in a running event at National Girls and Women in Sports Day at Jadwin Gym last Saturday. A crowd of 3,289 showed up for the event.

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## Chief Federico

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But now, he said, patrol officers are on the watch as late as 3 a.m.: "There was hardly anybody even walking around [back then]. Now on a Sunday afternoon you can't even walk down the sidewalk because there's so many people."

Born and raised in Princeton, Chief Federico, 50, currently resides in Lawrenceville with his wife, Lisa, and 22-year-old son, Tony. His mother still resides in Princeton Township.

After attending St. Paul School and graduating from Princeton High School, he left the area to attend the University of Dayton, Ohio, where he pursued a bachelor's degree in history. Taking an interest in law enforcement after graduation, he soon found himself back in the area, working for the State Department of Treasury. After briefly holding a position there, he took on a job in Princeton University's Department of Public Safety, until he became an officer for the Borough Police Department, where he has remained since.

As a leader in the Princeton Borough community, the

new chief said his main focus is to make sure that the department provides the best services it can for its residents, and keeps community policing at the forefront of its goals.

One of the primary issues the Borough is hoping to tackle in the near future is the possible merger of the Borough and Township police departments. And the Borough can count on Chief Federico to be on board.

"I am pro-consolidation. I think it would be a benefit to the community as a whole, and a cost-saver," he said.

After working side-by-side with former Chief Chuck Davall for the entire duration of his career here, Chief Federico says he plans to keep the department running rather similarly to his predecessor.

"Our styles may be a little different, our personalities may be a little different, but we worked together as a team and the way the department operated under Chief Davall is very similar to how it will be run under my watch," he said, adding that he believes in team management and having an open-door policy in his office.

Now that former Chief Davall will serve as a University liaison to the Bor-

ough, assuming the position of deputy director of public operations in Princeton University's Department of Public Safety, the two will be working together again on a regular basis.

The former Borough chief said he has total confidence in Chief Federico's ability to run the department: "I'm very excited and happy for him. It's a challenge he's well prepared for, and I think he'll do a great job."

Over the last few years, both men have initiated meetings with the University's eating clubs to go over the Borough's laws on alcohol and underage drinking. Once the clubs elect their new presidents next month, the chief said he intends to hold another meeting.

However, the issues of underage drinking and binge drinking have been a problem at the University and in the Borough for years, and the new chief expects to continue facing these issues during his leadership.

"The alcohol issue has always been a problem that we've had to deal with over my career, I certainly would like it to stop, but I don't know that's going to be possible," he said.

## Local Issues

With gang violence on the rise in Princeton, the chief is entering his new leadership position at a difficult time for the Borough Police. But the department is keeping on top of the problem, he said.

"We're trying to address some of the problems before they get worse than what they are," he said, adding that the department recently went through gang awareness training, and is working with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office on a gang awareness program for all Mercer County police departments.

Confirming that Princeton has definitive gang ties to both Trenton and New Brunswick, Chief Federico said that the department has been in direct contact with the other police departments to keep abreast of the issue.

"That's been a real eye-opener," he said.

While hiring resource officers for the schools would be an independent decision that would be made by the Princeton Regional School District, Chief Federico said that if the district decides to head in that direction, he will support the decision.



**NEW LEADERSHIP:** Anthony Federico was recently promoted to chief of the Borough Police Department. He will take over for former Chief Chuck Davall, who retired at the end of January.

"I think the pros outweigh the cons.... The security a resource officer could provide would be of great assistance," he said.

Maintaining the peace is what the Borough Police Department is here for, and that's what it will continue to do, said Chief Federico.

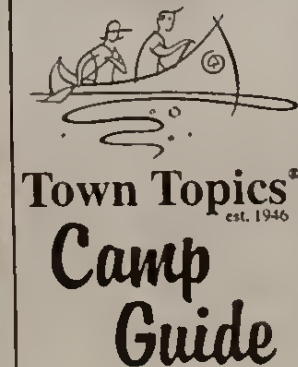
"We have obviously always had crime," he said, mentioning credit card thefts, burglaries, and shoplifting as ongoing problems in the community.

However, during his 25 years of service, Chief Federico has kept a watchful eye on the Borough, and says he intends to see that Princeton stays the same in the ways that matter, despite the many changes it is constantly undergoing.

—Candace Braun

## PCDO Sponsors Annual Meet the Candidates Night

The Princeton Community Democratic Organization (PCDO) is inviting the public to meet the Democratic candidates for the June Primary on Sunday, February 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Suzanne Patterson Senior Center, located behind Borough Hall at the intersection of Route 206 and Nassau Street.



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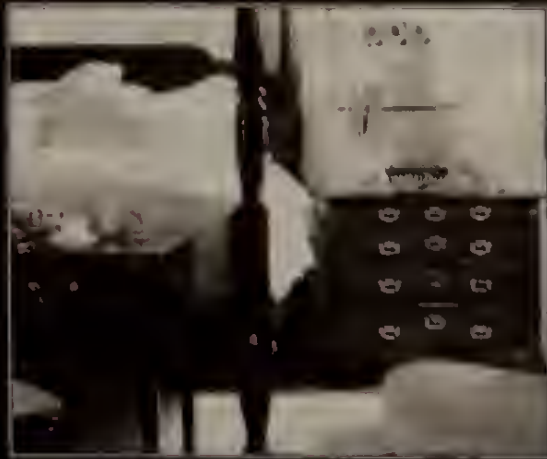
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There is one three-year term open in the Borough, and two three-year terms open in the Township. The annual school election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19.

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## Subdivision Plan for Nassau Street Receives Complaints From Neighbors

A plan to subdivide a property behind a landmark building near Queenston Place on Nassau Street had neighbors arguing that the proposed development would impose "over-intense" usage of the land.

The residents, mainly from Queenston Place, but also including representatives from Linden Lane, appeared before the Princeton Regional Planning Board Thursday night under the umbrella of a neighborhood group to argue that the developer, Barsky Brothers, wants to build something that is "out of character" with the rest of the neighborhood.

The front of the examined property is at 302 Nassau Street, on the northern side of the street directly across from the corner of Princeton Avenue and wedged between a New Orleans-style three-tiered home and a home listed as a historic landmark.

The Barskys, who have built several homes in Princeton Borough and Township, including the new condominiums on Torrey Lane off Witherspoon Street, purchased the 1.42-acre property in December 2002 and hope to build a five-home subdivision that includes a restoration of the home that fronts the site. That building, built around 1830 and reportedly in "disrepair," was most recently used as a multi-resident dwelling.

In addition, there will be an access drive, Barsky Court, which will be an extension of the current horseshoe drive that currently fronts the site and that would also service the four lots in the rear.

Residents objected to the

size of the proposed four lots in the rear, which range from 8,794 square feet to 10,837 square feet. The homes themselves hover around 4,500 square feet, notably larger than the neighboring homes on Queenston and Linden.

Steve Gubser, a Queenston Place resident who spoke on behalf of several neighbors in opposition, worried about the "excessive density" of the Barsky proposal, while pointing out that several of the surrounding residences lie on lots that are larger than the Barskys', but contain smaller homes. Mr. Gubser used his own 10,000 square-foot property as an example, saying that his own house, about a fifth of the square-footage of his lot, clashes with the Barsky homes, which are about half the size of their lots.

"The style of the [Barsky] houses is too boxy," Mr. Gubser said. "Most of us have less monolithic homes that are more varied."

"We certainly deplore the establishment of a new road in this historic district," Mr. Gubser added that he and most of his neighbors knew when they purchased their properties that this area would be subject to development at some point and that the neighborhood group would support a two-home subdivision.

Mr. Gubser and his neighbors also complained of potential landscaping detail in the proposal, as well as the removal of several large trees on the northern end of the site, near Quarry Park.

One factor that could hold up any development is the

high lead level that contaminates the property. The site was home to a carriage painting factory in the early 19th century, according to planning board chair Wanda Gunning. The factory, which used lead paint, was largely destroyed in 1886.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is examining the site.

—Matthew Hersh

### Junior League Seeking Scholarship Applicants

The Junior League of Greater Princeton (JLGP) is currently seeking scholarship applications for its 2005 Volunteerism Scholarship Program.

JLGP will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to female students planning to attend either college or vocational school. One scholarship will be awarded based on overall volunteer service, and another on an applicant's demonstration of outstanding leadership in a single community service project (such as a walk for hunger). Secondary criteria include extracurricular activities and work/family responsibilities. Financial need is not a factor for consideration. Applicants must be female and must reside in the JLGP service area (Mercer and Bucks counties, as well as neighboring portions of Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Somerset counties).

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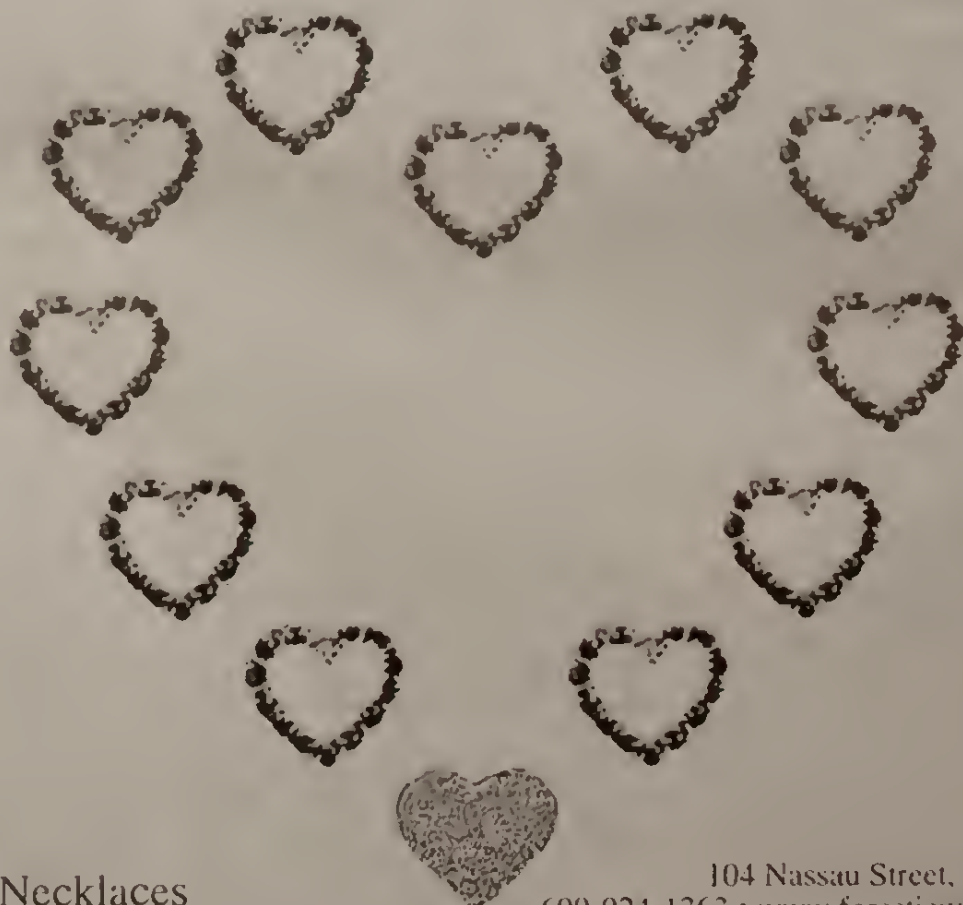
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(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

### Jazz Club Proposal

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more complicated with the withdrawal of the off-site parking, but was addressed by the applicant, who proposed having an all-valet system during dinner hours. As such, parking would be provided for a maximum of 165 patrons, and valets could stack cars in, rather

than accommodate each car with an individual space. Additionally, Mr. Distler would not have to provide parking for an originally-proposed package goods store. That plan has also been removed from his proposal. "The package store caused more trouble than it was worth," he said. "We liked the idea, but it's not worth the hassle." For the dinnertime valet

parking, the only way in to Astons would be specified, from Birch Avenue, with only one way out by turning right on Bayard Lane (Route 206) headed north toward Montgomery Township. During lunch, cars could enter and exit on Birch, but would still be restricted to right turns only on Bayard.

Part of the application provides for a turning lane

for cars travelling south on Bayard toward Princeton and looking to turn left onto Birch to get access to the restaurant.

Astons would hold two jazz shows a night, seven days a week, but Mr. Distler said he wanted to reserve the option of holding a third show from 11 p.m. to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

In an apparent attempt to quell the fears of neighbors that the restaurant will produce an abundance of late-night activity in the neighborhood, Mr. Distler said, from a business standpoint, he was concerned he would not get many patrons for a third show.

"Princeton is not a late crowd, by and large, and I'm not sure I'm going to be able to get 50 to 75 people for a 9:15 p.m. show — especially during the week."

Noise pollution, especially outside the restaurant, was another concern for members of SPRAB. The sound of car doors closing and other parking lot activity could spill over into adjacent lots. SPRAB recommended that Mr. Distler seek another zoning variance to build a 10-foot sound shield on the periphery of the parking lot. The current maximum for fencing in the S-2 zone is six feet. While the appli-

cation is not on its February 23 agenda, the Township Zoning Board will decide when to hear it that day. Mr. Distler's application could be decided on as early as March 23.

—Matthew Hersh

### Duke Farms to Feature Tabletop Topiary Classes

Duke Farms' horticultural programming for 2005 will feature a series of Tabletop Topiary classes beginning Thursday, February 17. Classes will take place in the indoor display gardens, which are housed in turn-of-the-century glass conservatories containing Duke's spring bulb display of hyacinths, tulips, lilies, and daffodils.

The classes offer the public an opportunity to learn firsthand from Duke Farms experts how best to design, create, and maintain a topiary people can enjoy in their own homes. "No previous experience with topiary design is necessary," according to Program Director Lisa Nitze, who invites the public to register now for a class or else purchase a gift certificate for the February 17 heart topiary class, which includes a tour of the gardens: "It will make the perfect Valentine's Day gift for your sweetheart or a special couple."

Topiary enthusiasts should also mark their calendars for the following classes: March 17, Shamrock Tabletop Topiary; April 21, Basket Tabletop Topiary; and May 19, Outdoor Bunny Topiary.

Each session is limited to 15 adult participants. The fee is \$45 per person for tabletop classes and \$75 per person for the outdoor topiary class. Each class will last approximately two hours. No previous experience is necessary and all materials will be provided.

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### Correction

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Town Topics regrets the error.

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## Question of the Week:

What was your most memorable Valentine's Day experience?



"Going to New York City to see the show, 'Rent,' with my girlfriend. We had a limo take us in, we had a very expensive, wonderful dinner, and we got a hotel room in the city and spent the entire evening having a great time. It was positively amazing, and probably one of the better nights of my life."

— Rees Keck, Hodge Road



"Our family was anticipating the arrival of a grandchild. However, we were blessed with her birth on February 15."

— Bill Karch, Jefferson Road



"I guess my best was one year in grade school when I received lots of valentine's cards."

— Katy Paxton, Field goal and extra-point kicker for the PHS football team



"For me, Valentine's Days are a blend of experiences — time together with my husband, a simple, quiet dinner out, a romantic evening, time with our boys. For us, Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate family and the love that we have for each other."

— Tracy Orleans, Meadowbrook Drive



"Well, I know that this will be my best one, because I am spending it with my girlfriend, Brooke."

— David Schwerin, Leabrook Lane shown with Brooke Samson

## Heroes of Black Community To Be Honored This Sunday

In celebrating Black History Month, 26 Princeton residents will be honored for their contributions to the black community at a public reception at 4 p.m. this Sunday, February 13, in the Princeton Public Library's Community Room.

The celebration, "Unsung Heroes," is co-sponsored by Princeton University's Community House and the Princeton Public Library. It will honor members of Princeton's African-American community "who in their own way have contributed vastly to the overall development and fiber of Princeton and the surrounding area through their profession, community service activities, talent, or their everyday lives," said Marjorie Young, director of Community House.

Each day throughout February, a photo and short biography of one of the honorees will be on display in the public library. Booklets featuring poems about the honorees and their photos will be distributed at the event which is free and open to the public.

Recipients of the "Unsung Heroes" honors are as follows:

For education are Ronald Celestin; Robert Vivens; and Francis Craig.

For community service are: Shirley Satterfield; Albert Hinds; Jacqui Swain; Rev. Vernard Leak; Rev. Carlton Branscomb; Grace Brown; Fannie Floyd; Penelope Edwards-Carter; Noef Gordon; Paula Gordon; Lance Liverman; and the Rev. Muriel Burrows.

For life achievement are: Eric Craig; Minnie Craig; Susie Johnson; John Broadway; Ronald Yates; Marilyn Yates; Michael Yates (deceased); Jacqui Swain; William Skipwith; Anne Marie Joachim; James Peirce; and Sonja Peirce.

The Princeton Public Library is at 65 Witherspoon Street in Princeton. Special assistance is available for library customers with disabilities. Those with special needs should contact the library 48 hours before any program to arrange for accommodations by calling (609) 924-9529.

## Princeton Schools Hold Annual Job Fair

Princeton Regional Schools will hold its annual job fair on Thursday, February 10, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., at John Witherspoon Middle School.

Applicants must be pre-registered by February 3, and possess a New Jersey teaching certification. There are no elementary teaching positions available for the 2005-06 school year.

Certified teaching positions that are available include English, math, science, social studies, ESL/bilingual, speech therapist, special education, world languages, occupational therapist, instrumental music, and autism.

Those applying must bring a cover letter, résumé, copies of the New Jersey certification, copies of college transcripts, and current letters of recommendation. Those interested can register at [www.prs.k12.nj.us](http://www.prs.k12.nj.us).

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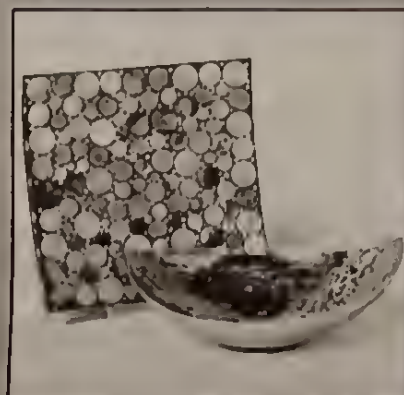
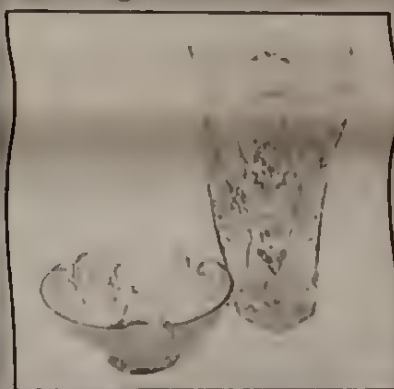
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## CLUBS

The **Soroptimist Club of Princeton** will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15 at the Nassau Club. The guest speaker will be Madeleine Lightman of the University Medical Center at Princeton, who will discuss the Blood Donor Program.

For more information or reservations, call (609) 924-0872.

The dance club **Jersey Jumpers** will host a Swing Dance on Friday, February 18 from 8 to 11:15 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road. No partner is required, and beginners are welcome.

Admission is \$11 for adults, \$8 for students.

For more information, call (609) 683-9798 or visit [www.jerseyjumpers.org](http://www.jerseyjumpers.org).

"The Ethics of Preventive War" will be the topic of a presentation by Jeff McMahan, Ph.D. to **55PLUS** at their 10 a.m. meeting on February 17 at the Jewish Center of Princeton.

Dr. McMahan is professor of philosophy at Rutgers University and the author of *The*

*Ethics of Killing: Problems at the Margins of Life* (2002). He is currently working on a sequel, provisionally called *The Ethics of Killing: Self-Defense, War, and Punishment*.

**55PLUS** was organized in 1986 as a non-sectarian group to promote social contacts and friendships among men who are either retired or who have flexible working hours. It meets at 10 a.m. on the first and third Thursday mornings of each month except June, July, and August to discuss a wide range of topics with prominent speakers. It offers two investment groups, a mentoring group that works with Princeton High School students, and a computer group that helps familiarize members with personal computers and the Internet.

The **Princeton Community Democratic Organization (PCDO)** will hold a Candidates' Night on Sunday evening, February 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Suzanne Patterson Center. The public is invited.

The candidates for governor, New Jersey Assembly, Democratic State Committee, and Mercer County Clerk, Sheriff, and Freeholder have been invited to address the club and answer questions.

For more information, call (609) 252-0264.

## CHESSforum

Many beginners evaluate positions through a sometimes-misleading quantitative process. They are taught point values for each piece, and through two simple sums, they determine which side is better in various positions.



Solution at bottom  
White to mate in two.

I hope that some of my previous articles have dispelled this notion from some players' minds. Of course simply counting the material is not sufficient for properly evaluating a chess position. In some cases, these point values are far off the actual relative superiority of the piece: a knight posted well within the opponent's territory is worth more than a misplaced rook.

What I would like to focus on in this week's column is not the material values, but the less tangible spatial control. A player can achieve a better game by dominating specific squares on the board.

Often this domination occurs in the center of the board, thereby restricting the space in which the opponent is able to maneuver. Sometimes the effects of square domination are not apparent until an attack is undertaken. Dominating the dark squares around an opponent's king, for instance, is a great way to assist in an attack.

The spatial domination of one side of the board is also an input for strategy decisions. It would be prudent to attack in the area where you have more control.

—Chad Lieberman

**Santa Torres, J. (2220)**  
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New York, 1988

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|--------|-------|
| 1.e4   | c5    |
| 2.Nf3  | d6    |
| 3.d4   | cx d4 |
| 4.Qxd4 | Nc6   |
| 5.Bb5  | Bd7   |
| 6.Bxc6 | Bxc6  |
| 7.c4   | Nf6   |

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| 8.Nc3   | e6    |
| 9.O-O   | Be7   |
| 10.b3   | O-O   |
| 11.Bb2  | Qa5   |
| 12.a4   | Qh5   |
| 13.Rfe1 | Qg6   |
| 14.Rad1 | a6    |
| 15.Ba3  | Rfd8  |
| 16.Qe3  | Rac8  |
| 17.h3   | Bf8   |
| 18.Nd4  | Bxe4  |
| 19.Nxe4 | Nxe4  |
| 20.Qxe4 | Qxe4  |
| 21.Rxe4 | d5    |
| 22.cxd5 | Bxa3  |
| 23.dxe6 | fxe6  |
| 24.Rde1 | e5    |
| 25.Nf3  | Rd3   |
| 26.R4e3 | Rxe3  |
| 27.Rxe3 | Rc1+  |
| 28.Re1  | e4    |
| 29.Rxc1 | Bxc1  |
| 30.Ne5  | b5    |
| 31.axb5 | axb5  |
| 32.Kf1  | Bb2   |
| 33.Nc6  | Kf7   |
| 34.Na7  | b4    |
| 35.Nc6  | Bc3   |
| 36.Ke2  | Ke6   |
| 37.Na5  | Kd5   |
| 38.Nc4  | Bd4   |
| 39.Nd2  | Bc5   |
| 40.f3   | exf3+ |
| 41.Nxf3 | Ke4   |
| 42.Ng5+ | Kf5   |
| 43.Nf3  | Kf4   |
| 44.Ne1  | Ke4   |
| 45.Nc2  | Kf4   |
| 46.Ke1  | Kg3   |
| 47.Kf1  | h6    |
| 48.Ne1  | Bd4   |
| 49.Nc2  | Bc5   |
| 50.Ne1  | Draw  |

Solution:  
1.Qg8+  
2.N7N#

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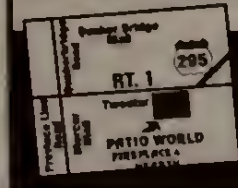
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## Police Blotter

### Borough Man Incurs Third Degree Burns In Pine Street Fire

A 66-year-old Borough resident was rushed to Capital Health Systems at Fuld early yesterday morning, then taken to Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia for treatment of third degree burns suffered in a fire at his Pine Street home shortly after midnight.

The victim, David Bradford, a professor of Economics in Public Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, was discovered lying on the floor of his home with burns on much of his body by Borough Police who had been dispatched to the home after the fire was reported. The police officers gave the man oxygen while awaiting arrival of the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad.

Princeton Borough Fire Inspectors were also summoned to the scene, along with members of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Arson Unit.

According to police, the fire began when candles on a dry Christmas tree ignited the tree. The victim was reportedly burned while attempting to carry the burning tree out of his house.

Four Princeton High School students were among six youths arrested for possession of alcohol or marijuana over the weekend.

On February 4, Lauren E. Gabriel, 24, of Christopher Drive, was seen giving alcohol to three minors on Nassau Street shortly after 9 p.m. Arrested with her were two unidentified minors and an 18-year-old PHS student, Patrick Renton of Meadowbrook Drive. The two minors, a Borough resident and a

Township resident, were both charged with purchasing alcohol for minors, issued summonses for court appearances on February 14, and released. The two minors were turned over to their parents.

The following day, February 5, two other PHS students were arrested after one of them was seen smoking a marijuana cigarette in the Tulane Yard shortly after 11 p.m. The other juvenile was found upon investigation to be in possession of a small bag of suspected marijuana. The two youths, both Township residents and PHS students, were arrested by Borough Ptl. Ron Wohlschlegel, charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and turned over to the custody of a parent.

A 2' by 3' bronze statue of a tiger, valued at \$30,000 to \$50,000, was stolen from the lobby of Princeton University's Tower Club on Prospect Avenue, police said. The theft was reported January 25 by the club's president, who estimated that it occurred sometime between 1:30 and 3 a.m. on January 23. Police have no suspects.

A Trenton man escaped injury on January 31 when the car he was driving, a 1995 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, veered off Quaker Road, hit a tree, and slid down an embankment into Stony Brook. According to police, Anthony V. Canulli, 31, was traveling southbound when his car wheels hit the shoulder, causing him to lose control. He then crossed the road into a wooded section bordering the southbound lane, where his car came to rest. He was assisted out of the vehicle by a passing motorist, Erik Rhoda of Skillman. The car had to be towed out of the river by Larini's Towing. Charges against Mr. Canulli are pending an investigation by Township Patrolman Christopher King.

Germain Le Chapelain, 23, 17. The two adults were arrested on January 28 and charged with eluding police after he allegedly refused to pull over following a motor vehicle violation on Walnut Lane. According to the arresting officer, Borough Police Sgt. Robert Currier, the accused man left the scene of the traffic violation, leading the officer on a chase into Montgomery Township. The suspect was eventually caught on Mount Lucas Road, taken to Borough Police Headquarters, and assigned a February 7 court date.

A laptop computer valued at \$1,700 was reported stolen from a 44-year-old Erdman Avenue resident on January 28. According to the victim, the burglar(s) entered his home sometime between 9 p.m. January 26 and 2 p.m. January 27. Police have no suspect(s).

Four motor vehicle stops in the Borough led to the arrests of individuals wanted on active warrants. On January 21, Pierre Panniel, 19, of Trenton, was stopped on Nassau Street shortly before 2 a.m., found to be wanted on active warrants from numerous jurisdictions, then arrested and turned over to the West Windsor Police Department in default of \$1,335 bail. Approximately an hour later another driver on Nassau Street, Robert B. Osmun of Camden, was stopped, found to be wanted on warrants from several municipal courts, and arrested. He was released after posting bail.

On January 25, another traffic violation on Nassau Street led to the arrest of two Trenton residents, Regina Costantini, 25, and William T. Hall, 34. After both were found to be wanted on criminal warrants they were charged and turned over to the Trenton Police Department. And on February 6 a driving violation on Washing-

ton Road led to the arrest of a Belleville man wanted on several warrants. Charged with driving with a suspended license, Mikal Hudson, 21, was booked at Borough Police Headquarters, then released after posting bail in the amount of \$1,150.

Seven men were arrested on charges of driving in the Borough while intoxicated: Gary Beckstrom, 30, of Ventura, Calif., on January 26; Jon Ernest Cross, 20, of Hopewell, on January 27; Rajesh H. Oza, 47, of Carnegie Drive, on February 3; Michael V. Mustica, 26, of Ringoes, on February 5; John O'Grady, 38, of Springfield, Pa., on February 5; Gregory M. Harkness, 24, of Windsor, on February 5; and David M. Powell, 44, of Belle Mead, on February 6. All seven were charged with DWI and other motor vehicle offenses, and released with summonses to appear in Borough Municipal Court.

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## Election Season

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said, adding that she would follow guidelines put forth in the Princeton Community Master Plan.

Ms. Bergman, a former budget and program analyst for the New Jersey State Legislature, spent three years in the Carter Administration as public affairs officer of the White House Regulatory Council.

She and her husband, Dick Bergman, currently run their own consulting company and are co-founders and board members of Community Without Walls, a not-for-profit, 450-member organization that helps senior citizens age "in place" by offering various services, including social support, information, education, and advocacy.

Several Democrats in the past have tried to draft Ms.

Bergman to run for Committee. "But I've always said no," she said, adding that "this is the right time. It was something I hadn't planned on doing this year, but this is an opportunity that doesn't come along every day, or even every year." Ms. Bergman's and Mr. Miller's early declarations for candidacy do not preclude other interested individuals from making a run at these spots, said Dan Preston, municipal chair of the Princeton Township Democratic Committee. "We welcome them to the race, and look forward to working with them and any other candidates who wish to participate in our open process." Candidates from other parties have yet to announce their intentions to run.

Township Committee has been all-Democrat since January 1998 when Leonard Godfrey filled the seat previously held by Carl Mayer, an Independent. But, as Dick

Bergman, who is Mr. Miller's and Ms. Bergman's campaign manager, pointed out, this eight-year all-Democratic run pales in comparison to the 118-year Republican hold on Committee that ended briefly in the 1968 elections, when Democrats Jim Floyd and Tom Hartmann were the first pair of Democrats ever to be elected to Committee together.

Committee Republicans held control through much of the 1980s under Mayor Winthrop Pike and again in the early 1990s under Mayors Richard Woodbridge and Laurence Glasberg.

—Matthew Hersh

### Flu Vaccine for Adults Available at Hospital

Princeton HealthCare System's Occupational Medicine Services is offering influenza vaccine for individuals 18 and older. The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior

Services last month lifted limits on who may receive the flu shot.

In October, the health department limited distribution of flu shots to only young children, the elderly, and people with chronic health problems because of an anticipated shortage of the vaccine. The department lifted those rules in January, allowing flu shots for anyone requesting them, as long as demand from high-risk patients had been met. The decision was made after a statewide survey showed New Jersey had a significant amount of unused vaccine.

"The flu season generally extends until early April, and the flu shot can be effective if received by March," said Dr. Howard C. Lu, assistant medical director of Occupational Medicine Services. "The vaccine is still critically important for elderly and chronically ill patients who have the highest risk of influenza-related complications, such as pneumonia."

The shots are available for \$20, payable by cash or credit card, and appointments can be made by calling Occupational Medicine Services at (609) 497-4206 and selecting option #2. Shots will be administered at the University Medical Center at Princeton at 253 Witherspoon Street in Princeton.

Occupational Medicine Services does not accept health insurance to pay for the influenza vaccine. Patients seeking reimbursement should check with their insurance carrier.

### Seven Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported seven births to area residents during the week ending February 7. Sons were born to Clara Paz and Fermin Aparicio, Lawrenceville, February 1; Julie and Alexander Keenan, Princeton, February 2; and Arianne and Robert Noble, Princeton, February 2.

Daughters were born to Jill and David Ercolano, Lawrenceville, February 3; Nadejda Glagoleva and Georgli Bazykin, Princeton, February 3; Karen and Robert Olszewski, Princeton, February 4; and Dorothea and Eric Femstrom, Princeton, February 6.

## Local Fare

from Princeton's kitchens

Gerry Gould, Freelance Editor

### Caramelized Onions with Currants and Pecans

When Gerry isn't busy helping her clients perfect their use of language, she can usually be found in the kitchen creating amazing meals for her family and friends. She cooked up this dish to serve with pasture-raised pork. This delicious side dish cooks slowly and fills your home with the sweet aroma of roasting onions. Gerry also suggests trying it with lamb and says she is going to add a little Vermouth next time she makes this dish to add a subtle sweetness and a little more complexity to the flavor.

- 1 tbslp olive oil
- 1 tbslp sweet butter
- 2 cloves elephant garlic, cut in quarters
- 3 large Mayan Sweets or other mild, sweet onion, finely sliced
- 2 tbslp brown sugar
- ¾ cup currants, reconstituted
- ¼ tsp freshly ground nutmeg
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Orange juice, as needed
- ¾ cup coarsely chopped toasted pecans
- Grated orange rind, for garnish

Heat the olive oil and butter in a heavy pan, add garlic quarters, and saute until soft. Add onions and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally. When slightly tender, sprinkle with brown sugar, stirring until well mixed. Add currants, nutmeg, and pepper; continue cooking until the onions caramelize. This takes at least an hour and can't be rushed! If mixture seems dry, add a dash of orange juice to form a thick sauce, and to prevent the brown sugar from burning. When onions are caramelized, stir in pecans. Garnish with grated orange peel and serve as a side dish with pork or lamb chops.

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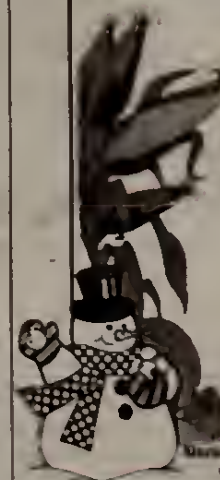
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## BOOKS

### African-American Literature Workshop to Commence

Princeton's Cecelia B. Hodges, well-known professor, actor, producer, and writer, is encouraging all members of the community to join her African-American Literature Group this winter.

Held on the second Thursday of each month at the YWCA Princeton, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the group focuses on classic and contemporary fiction and non-fiction by African-American authors. Prof. Hodges offers an overall view of different genre, and aims to stimulate thinking on cultural, social, and political issues. She welcomes new members and all points of view for lively and enriching discussions.

A graduate of Hunter College (BA), Columbia University (MA), and Northwestern University (Ph.D.), Prof. Hodges was a tenured associate professor at Rutgers University, and has taught at Princeton University, where she initiated courses in African-American literature. She has acted internationally, appeared in Oprah Winfrey's film, *Beloved*, and founded and directs the People's Verse Speaking Choir.

The literature group will next meet on February 10, to discuss *Quitting America*, by Randall Robinson. The fee for a single session is \$6 for YWCA members, and \$7 for non-members; spring term session fee (March-May) is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

For more information, contact Susan Kubota, YWCA Adult Education Director, at (609) 497-2100.

### NYU Professor Discusses Book at Lawrenceville

Renowned historian Niall Ferguson will discuss his recently published book, *Colossus: The Price of America's Empire*, at the Lawrenceville School on Thursday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m., in Memorial Hall's Heely Room.

*Colossus* discusses America's role as an imperial power in the 21st century. Mr. Ferguson's appearance is part of the school's Weeden Lecture Series, honoring Charles Weeden III, a former Lawrenceville history teacher.

Mr. Ferguson is the Herzog Professor of Financial History at New York University's Stern School of Business. He is also a senior research fellow of the Jesus College, Oxford, and a senior fellow of the Hoover Institution, Stanford.

He is a regular contributor to both the British and U.S. media, commenting on contemporary political and economic subjects. Mr. Ferguson recently completed a six-part history of the British Empire for the BBC.

For more information, visit [www.lawrenceville.org](http://www.lawrenceville.org).

### Author Toni Morrison Receives Library Award

Toni Morrison, the Robert F. Goheen Professor in the Humanities at Princeton University, has been named a winner of the 2005 Coretta Scott King Award from the American Library Association.

The award, presented annually by the ALA's Ethnic Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table, honors African-American authors and illustrators of outstanding books for children and young adults. Ms. Morrison is the author of *Remember: The Journey to School Integration*, published in 2004 by Houghton Mifflin.

She was honored along with Kadir Nelson, illustrator of *Ellington Was Not a Street*.

Remember is Ms. Morrison's first historical work for young people using archival photographs to take the reader on a journey remembering "the narrow path, the open door, and the wide road" to integration. The images serve as the inspiration for Ms. Morrison's text: a fictional account of the dialogue and emotions of the children who lived during the era of "separate but equal" schooling.

Also the recipient of major international honors, Ms. Morrison was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature in 1993. She was the first African-American winner and the first woman to win since 1938. She won the 2000 National Humanities Medal for her contributions to American cultural life and thought, the Pulitzer Prize in 1988 for *Beloved*, and the National Book Critics Award in 1977 for *Song of Solomon*. Her other novels include *Love*, *The Bluest Eye*, *Sula*, *Tor Baby*, *Jazz*, and *Paradise*.

### Library Employee Receives Award

Princeton Public Library's librarian Pamela Groves is the recipient of the Public Library Association's prestigious Allie Beth Martin Award.

The award is given annually to a librarian in a public library "who has demonstrated an extraordinary range and depth of knowledge about books or other library materials and distinguished ability to share that knowledge," according to PLA, a division of the American Library Association.

A Princeton Township resident, Ms. Groves works in the library's Youth Services Department, where she has initiated several popular library programs and services, including the Homeschool Book Discussion Group and Generation to Generation, a program in which children and adults discuss books for young people.

She hosts story times for the library's youngest visitors and reads regularly to students in the after-school homework program at the Henry Parnell Center, where she has also presented evening bedtime stories for families.

Ms. Groves is a former board member of the Jane Addams Peace Association, co-organizer of the Communication, Arts, and Information Resource Center of the fsls Career Center in Trenton, and coordinator of the Global Cinema Café, a volunteer organization that screens films on issues of peace, justice, and human rights.

Her work with Global Cinema Café served as a catalyst for the library's upcoming Human Rights Film Festival. The event, scheduled for May 7 through May 15, is co-sponsored by the library, Global Cinema Café, ABC Literacy, and the local chapter of Amnesty International and is funded by National Video Resources and the American Library Association.

"Pamela's extensive involvement in community affairs offers many opportunities for her to promote children's



**SHARING LITERATURE:** Cecelia B. Hodges, center, well-known Princeton personality, plans for upcoming sessions of her African-American Literature Group with YWCA Adult Education Director Susan Kubota, right, and Program Development Director Pamela Elmi, left.

books and creates a complex interweaving of social justice concerns with her love of literature," said Readers Services Coordinator Susan Roth, who nominated Ms. Groves for the award. "I have been fortunate to be a colleague of Pamela's and to be present at Princeton Public Library as she has worked her transformative powers on the library and the community."

Library Director Leslie Burger said Groves' work has a lasting influence on Princeton's young people.

"I am delighted that the Public Library Association is recognizing Pamela Groves for her outstanding work in making books come alive to our various community constituencies," Ms. Burger said. "Pamela has the unique ability to connect with young people through innovative program

ideas that will guarantee that they will become lifelong library users and supporters."

### Author of 'The Crazy' To Speak in Princeton

Ha Jin, author of *Wor Trash*, *The Crazy*, *Waiting*, and other fiction and poetry, will read from his work and answer questions on Monday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. in

the James Stewart Theater at 185 Nassau Street.

Mr. Jin is the winner of the National Book Award, the PEN/Faulkner Award, and the Flannery O'Connor Award.

This event, The Eberhard L. Faber Lecture, is being sponsored by the Council of the Humanities and the East Asian Studies Department. For more information, call the East Asian Studies Department at (609) 258-5905.

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## MAILBOX

### Valentine's Food Drive This Week To Benefit Area's Crisis Ministries

To the Editor:

Valentines of Food!

As school volunteers for the Princeton Parent Teachers Association, we are conducting a Valentine's food drive for the Crisis Ministry of Trenton and Princeton from February 7 through 14. The Crisis Ministry provides canned goods, dry foods, and other staples to those in need in Mercer County.

Many people send valentines to folks they care for. Each of these valentines could easily cost \$3.99. A \$3.99 Valentine of Food can feed a Crisis Ministry recipient household for a full day, or even two.

All community members are invited to join our students, families and staff in donating Valentines of Food from February 7 through 14. How?

- By taking cans, boxes, or plastic bottles of food staples to any of the following Princeton schools: Community Park, Johnson Park, Littlebrook Park, Riverside, John Witherspoon, Princeton High School, and St. Paul's School.

- By donating directly to this Crisis Ministry food drive by sending a check to any of the schools made out to Crisis Ministry — Food.

- By purchasing one or more \$3.99 Valentine Bags of Food at McCaffrey's Princeton Market. McCaffrey's will double that price and provide a \$7.99 value of food to the Ministry.

Food can also be brought to Nassau Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, or the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton.

For more information, contact any of us through our schools or Don Dickason, Crisis Ministry volunteer for the food drive, at (609) 683-4006.

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as well as she could and sent it anyway. It was not until after it had left that I realized the importance that such a simple device could be to me, representing the only physical link to the memories of a lost family member. I assumed that the barometer would arrive in pieces.

Today I received the package and carefully opened it to find every piece individually taped, wrapped in protective plastic and placed in boxes with foam to cushion any impact the parcel could have received in its long voyage. It was at this point that I realized the care, sensitivity, and work well beyond the expected that had gone into this package. The barometer has now traveled half-way around the world and does not have even the slightest scratch.

I do not know the name of the UPS worker from the Princeton Shopping Center, nor do I know if she was the one who spent the time, energy and self-sacrifice that have brought back so many memories. All I do know is that I am very grateful and wish to thank her and her colleagues. Although it may appear a minor deed, it is the minor deeds that separate those who care about and are proud of the work they do from the vast majority of those who do not.

EDOUARD FERNANDEZ  
Mercer Street

### Antique Barometer Wrapped with TLC Offers Reason to Applaud UPS Worker

To the Editor:

A handful of years ago, my grandfather passed away. A veteran of the Great War, he was stubborn and hard-headed to the end. However, he was the only grandfather I ever knew and he instilled in me an appreciation for sacrifice, hard work, and ethics, characteristics that seem to be in short supply these days.

Today I was reminded of my grandfather and the characteristics he represented by an unexpected source, a United Postal Service worker. Many may think this an odd occurrence; however, the only thing other than memories I inherited from my late grandfather was an antique barometer. Enclosed in a glass box, it has multiple moving parts, sensitive dials, and extremely fragile needles and internal mechanisms. Given a recent move overseas, I decided to ship the barometer in question without much regard to the potential damage it could suffer. I took the piece to the UPS store in the Princeton Shopping Center where a friendly young woman expressed her concern that the barometer could suffer damage in shipment. I requested that she pack it up

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Family Advice Column:

### Overprotective Parenting

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**QUESTION:** My husband says that I'm overprotective with our son. In this scary world, is there really such a thing as being too protective?

**ANSWER:** When is too much protection too much? When your son begins to feel weak. To make my point, let me

describe what overprotective parenting would look like for your son.

While you may be an anxious, first-time parent, your son only knows that the way you treat him is different from all his friends. He goes to bed earlier than they do. You come out and rescue him from a minor tiff at the swings. You tie his shoes for him or dress him in the morning to his consternation with his sleep-over friend watching, giggling, and waiting to call him "a baby."

Later, you dissuade him from trying out for football as he is "thin-boned", and from asking a girl to the dance because he cried when a girl said no the last time. When he considers a college away from home, you tell him how he hated camp, and urge him to find a local school. When he goes to marry, you imply that he is naïve and being controlled by his fiancé.

What overprotective parenting says, therefore, is "You're just not strong enough to handle this". Repeated often enough, your child is conditioned to begin believing that message. Now, I realize that you did not mean to convey that message, but that is definitely what your son heard.

So, protect your child, but not at the expense of his autonomy. Trust in your own training. Your son is smart, has absorbed your teaching, and will do just fine. If he goofs, don't panic. Just help him to think through what went wrong, and establish a new game plan. Giving him some headroom and helping him think for himself demonstrates your confidence and trust in him. Doing it for him, or suggesting he not try, unwittingly produces a follower, not a leader. Is that what you really want?

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“Bigger Is Not Necessarily Better,”  
Argues Hospital Expansion Opponent

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my dismay at the decision of the hospital management to move away from Princeton. It is surprising to me that Mr. Rabner has been able to convince so many local leaders that it is desirable to abandon the concept of a community hospital in favor of a new institution that is designed to be competitive with the several regional hospitals that already exist in this part of the state. As I understand it, the main argument for such a move is the perceived difficulty of expanding the hospital at the present site. Apparently little or no consideration was given to the thought that expansion is not mandatory. Bigger is not necessarily better in many things, including hospitals.

I think it would be better for the hospital board and administration to devote their efforts to maintaining the quality of service offered by the hospital while keeping the present scale of operations unchanged. Admittedly the hospital is not a Mayo Clinic or a Memorial Sloan Kettering, but there is really no need for a community hospital to rise to such levels.

Based on personal experience I know that the existing Princeton Hospital offers high quality care in a location that is convenient to the local community. I hope that thoughts of empire building in a new location will be forgotten and that whatever actions that are needed to keep the present operation intact will be taken.

JOE E. PENICK  
Library Place

Coalition for Peace Action Calls For  
Legal Justification of Police Action

To the Editor:

I want to thank Jim Knipper, father of a student demonstrator, for his letter supporting the students who provided our community with a public and peaceful demonstration of their social and political concerns on January 20, Inauguration Day. “Students for Peace,” a group of high school and college students, arrived at Palmer Square in Princeton at 4 p.m. with the intention of demonstrating peaceably and in silence.

A group of about 15 chose to lie on the ground to represent the loss of life and civil liberties. Signs on their jackets indicated what they were representing: HIV/AIDS victims, victims of torture, victims of the war, and the loss of civil and voting rights. The Coalition for Peace Action had a table set up at the site, with literature and petitions for any interested.

Contrary to comments made by the Borough’s police captain in local articles reporting on the event, there was no blockage of the sidewalk, or interference of any kind with traffic, pedestrian or otherwise, in the area. The captain never came to the site. When questioned later by a reporter, he responded, “the three Borough police officers on patrol broke up the protest because it was blocking the sidewalk. Also, the group did not have a parade permit that would allow them to stage such an event.”

I was present when the police required the group to leave immediately, and at no time did those officers mention that the sidewalk was blocked. That would have been difficult, given that it was not. As Mr. Knipper observed, it is rather challenging to “parade” when one is lying quietly on the ground representing the dead.

The students, adult members of the Coalition for Peace Action, and passers-by questioned the officers regarding our basic right to demonstrate peaceably, but Princeton Borough officers clearly stated that those rights are not available on Borough property without a permit.

A phone call by the executive director of the Coalition for Peace Action to Professor Frank Askin, an expert on constitutional law at Rutgers Law School, confirmed that the actions of the officers deprived the students of their constitutional rights, and that they are legally allowed to hold posters and distribute literature without a permit. The ACLU has also confirmed these findings. Based on documents from the ACLU, Princeton Borough has been cited repeatedly since 1996 regarding violations to the constitutional rights of individuals within its borders.

A request has been made for an investigation of this incident, and I believe the students deserve to know the outcome of that investigation. We owe much more to these students and all who wish to demonstrate their convictions in a peaceful and compelling way.

“Dissent is the highest form of patriotism,” observed Thomas Jefferson. I want to thank the students for the time and effort they made to remind all of us that actions taken by those who represent us result in deaths, through war or through neglect. Their demonstration obviously was unwelcome by some individuals, but those individuals should question why they were compelled to request the students’ removal, and the police department should provide legal justification.

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## ART

### Poem-Inspired Art Slated For New Seminary Show

On February 21, Princeton Theological Seminary's Erdman Art Gallery will open "Quatrains and Other Works on Paper," an exhibit of drawings by New Jersey resident Sarah Stengle. The exhibit, set

to run through April 3, will feature Stengle's originally composed quatrains, poems composed of four lines and set to a particular rhyme scheme, woven into her own pen and pencil drawings.

Stengle, whose work reflects her attraction to the beauty of pure formal abstraction, says that in pursuing beauty through art, "the need for meaning asserts itself." In many of her recent works, including those that will be exhibited in "Quatrains and

Other Works on Paper," text has begun to play a larger role.

"In these works, the formal, orderly arrangements of images is often negated by the accompanying text, which tends to be either intimate, provocative, or focused on disapproval and imperfection," said Stengle.

A New Jersey native and owner and manager of a series of artists' studios in Trenton, Stengle graduated from Pittsburgh's Carnegie

Mellon University and the School of Visual Arts in New York City. Her works have been exhibited in institutions such as the Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York City's Pierpont Morgan Library, the Art Institute of Chicago's John M. Flaxman Library, and Harvard University's Fogg Art Museum.

The Seminary's Erdman Art Gallery will host an artist's talk and reception with Stengle on Monday, February 21 from 4:30 until 5:45 p.m.

The Erdman Art Gallery is located in Erdman Hall, 20 Library Place, at the Center of Continuing Education at Princeton Theological Seminary. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (609) 497-7990.



**"UNTITLED":** This 1995 Ann Lovett toned gelatin silver print is currently included in the "Contemporary Eye" at the James A. Michener Art Gallery in New Hope. The show features an ensemble of 10 area artists in an attempt to capture the Bucks County area arts scene. The show will run through May 8 in the museum's Carol and Louis Della Penna Gallery. The museum is located at 500 Union Square Drive in New Hope. For more information and gallery hours, call (215) 340-9800 or visit [www.michenerartmuseum.org](http://www.michenerartmuseum.org).



**NATIVE AMERICAN TEXTILES:** A selection of late 19th and 20th century Navajo saddle and wearing blankets is currently on display at the Anne Reid Art Gallery at Princeton Day School at 650 Great Road in Princeton. The display, which includes this ca. 1910 double saddle blanket from the collection of Leon and Diane Rosenberg, will be shown through February 25. The gallery is open during school hours. For more information, visit [www.pds.org](http://www.pds.org).



**LANDSCAPES FROM COAST TO COAST:** Diane Burko has unveiled her collection of panoramic landscape views in her new exhibit, "Landscapes: Paint/Pixel," at the Rider University Art Gallery. Primarily a landscape painter, Burko examines the wilderness through panoramic views of notable geographic landmarks. The gallery is located at 2083 Lawrenceville Road (Route 206 South). Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. The show will run through February 25. For more information, call (609) 895-5588.

### Juried Expo for County Artists to Appear at MCCC

A cooperative initiative of Mercer County Community College and the Gallery at MCCC, the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission with funding assistance through, and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts will result in a juried exhibition slated to begin February 28 at the college.

"Mercer County Artists 2005" will show Mercer County Community College's Gallery and run through April 1. An opening reception is set for March 9, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the gallery.

Mercer County Artists is an annual, juried exhibition open to all artists living, working, or studying in Mercer County, who are 18 years of age or older. This year's juror will be Donna Gustafson, director of exhibitions at the Hunterdon Museum of Art and previous curator at the American Federation of Arts in New York City.

More than \$1,500 in purchase awards and other prizes will be announced at the opening reception, which is free and open to the public. (Works receiving the purchase awards become part of Mercer County's permanent art collection, housed in the County building on South Broad Street in Trenton.) The third annual West Windsor Arts Council prize will also be awarded to an exhibiting West Windsor artist for outstanding artistic merit. Gallery hours for the show are Monday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday, 1 p.m. The gallery is also open Wednesday, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., and Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m. To confirm hours or for more information call (609) 586-4800, ext. 3353 or ext. 3589.

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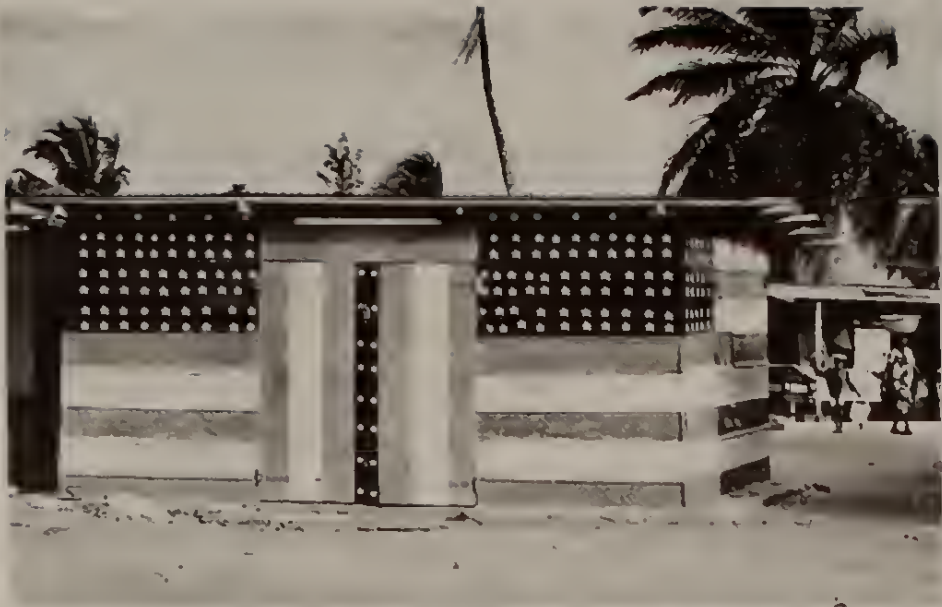
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**SCENES FROM GHANA:** David Miller's "Folk Art of Ghana" will appear alongside Harald Schrader's "U.S." at Gallery 14 on 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell beginning with a reception this Friday, February 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. The shows will run through March 13.



**"ANN":** A jazz and art show that will include the work of area photographer Robert Lach will come to Gallery 125 at 125 South Warren Street beginning this Friday, February 11 with a reception from 5 to 9 p.m. That same evening of the show, "Trenton2Nite: A Night of Art and Jazz in Downtown Trenton," will also feature the jazz guitar of John Sheridan (with Jeff Ratner) from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and vocalist Doris Spears from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Spears' performance will take place at 1 West Lafayette Street in Trenton. The Lach show at Gallery 125 will appear through April 1. For more information visit [www.gallery125.com](http://www.gallery125.com) or call (609) 989-9119.

## Two Countries, One Show At Hopewell Photo Gallery

Two photography shows, one featuring an immigrant's perspective of the U.S. and the other illustrating scenes from an excursion to Ghana, will open this Friday, February 11 at Gallery 14 at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell.

The photographers, Harald Schrader and David Miller, will be on-hand on opening day for a reception from 6 to

9 p.m. at the gallery and will also discuss their works this Sunday, February 13 between 1 and 3 p.m.

Schrader's exhibit, "U.S.," shows a series of black and white photos of subjects that he has encountered since moving to the U.S. from Europe in 2002. Each image, a graphic close-up, represents a study in sharply contrasting textures, line, and forms. His subjects include a hunting rifle's curved trigger, "cloud-

like" clusters of popcorn, a GI Joe doll, and a football.

For David Miller's color exhibit, "Folk Art of Ghana," the photographer captures scenes from what has been dubbed as one of the "happiest" countries in the world. Miller visited Ghana in 2003 and concentrated on its folk art during a trip he made with friends. The art of barber-shops, beauty salons, and the advertisements "fascinated" the photographer. He saw these images as folk art rather than standard street fare for the average passer-by.

Samples of photography from both the Miller and Schrader exhibits are available at [www.photosgallery14.com](http://www.photosgallery14.com).

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## MUSIC REVIEW

## Princeton Symphony Orchestra Brings a Bit Of Opera to Princeton With La Traviata

Sixteen inches of snow two weeks ago forced postponement of Princeton Symphony Orchestra's original concert performance of Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata*, but orchestra, soloists, and chorus reconvened on Sunday afternoon in Richardson Auditorium to present a notable rendition of the three-act opera. This was a huge production, both in terms of numbers and stature of the soloists — these were some major players who came to Princeton to mesmerize the audience with their singing.

*La Traviata*, which premiered in 1853, came at a pivotal time in operatic history. Arias retained much of the elaborate coloratura of the 18th century, but were underscored with the drama and pathos that was prevalent in the Romantic era. Conductor Mark Laycock wisely chose singers for this performance who demonstrated both agility and vocal power.

Meagan Miller's Violetta sizzled from the minute she walked onstage. Fiery with red hair and a burnt rust dress to contrast with everyone else's black, Ms. Miller was the epitome of "girls just want to have fun," succumbing quickly to Stuart Neill's spell as Alfredo. Their first act duet showed dynamic variety from both singers, and the mood of the duet changed both audibly and visually as Violetta was lured into Alfredo's web. In Violetta's showcase aria, "Sempre Libera," Ms. Miller skipped effortlessly through the coloratura with lightness and authority.

With all his experience at the Metropolitan Opera, as well as worldwide, Stuart Neill could no doubt sing the role of Alfredo in his sleep, and he displayed consistently solid singing and command of the role. Mr. Neill and Mr. Laycock had meticulously worked out the rallentandos and other musical effects, and at times, Mr. Laycock wisely let the music just play itself.

In addition to Violetta and Alfredo, the third significant role is Violetta's father, Germont, sung by Todd Thomas. Mr. Thomas may not have looked quite old enough

to be Violetta's father, but he was certainly convincingly angry enough about her consorting with Alfredo. The most poignant scene in the opera, the one in which Germont convinces Violetta to give up Alfredo, was sung by Mr. Thomas and Ms. Miller with emotionalism, as Germont manipulated Violetta's state of mind with skill.

The other characters came and went throughout the opera, and the credentials of these singers were surprising considering their minor roles. Annina and Flora, attendant and friend to Violetta, were well sung by Serena Benedetti and Lucille Beer, both established singers with international careers. The minor male characters were also performed by solid Metropolitan Opera level performers, including Brian McIntosh, Joseph Spinella, Brandon Wood, Stephen Bryant, and local Elem Eley. One unusual bit of casting was to draw a recurring role for a messenger/servant from the orchestra's own horn section in first chair Douglas Lundeen, when someone from the chorus probably would have been more than happy to sing that part.

Mr. Laycock's tempi were certainly on the quick side, retaining what was likely the original style of the opera. With the strings playing with very little vibrato in the opening overture, it seemed from the start that this presentation might be more like the opera was intended to be in its lightness and crispness. Alan Harler's Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia was well trained and quick to respond to Mr. Laycock's fast tempo, although keeping up and getting into the music on time was sometimes a problem.

With this performance, Princeton Symphony Orchestra continues to show its strength in playing and ability to administratively and fiscally put on such a program. This was an immense undertaking, but the audience reaction made it clear that concert performances of opera are going to continue to be a part of Princeton Symphony's future.

—Nancy Plum



Karen Akers

### McCarter to Offer Hit Cabaret Show, "Time After Time"

McCarter Theatre will present the concert and cabaret star Karen Akers, reprising her acclaimed show *Time After Time*, in two shows on Saturday evening, March 19, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. in the Berlind Theatre.

After a successful six-week sold-out engagement last spring in the Oak Room at New York's Algonquin Hotel, Ms. Akers will return to the stage to present what Stephen Holden in *The New York Times* called "one of the most romantically satisfying cabaret shows ever created." The show features songs from the theatre and the great American songbook by such composers as Stephen Sondheim, Alex North, Cole Porter, Harold Arlen, and Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Lowe.

Ms. Akers was recently honored at the 2005 New York Nightlife Awards as Outstanding Female Cabaret Vocalist,

and was the recipient of the 2002 Board of Directors Award from the Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs. She has performed throughout the United States and Europe, appearing at Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, and Barcelona's Opera House; and has given three command performances at the White House. Her multifaceted career also encompasses theatre, television, film, and recordings.

On Broadway, Ms. Akers made her debut as Luisa in the musical *Nine* directed by Tommy Tune, for which she won a Theatre World Award as well as a Tony Award nomi-

nation. At the Martin Beck Theatre she was one of the original stars of the Tony Award-winning musical *Grand Hotel*, also directed by Mr. Tune. Her latest CD, *If We Only Hove Love*, a compilation of theatre songs, was released in June, 2004. Her previous recordings include *Feels Like Home*, *Live from Rainbow and Stars*, *Under Poris Skies*, and *Presenting Karen Akers*, among others.

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The opening recital will make use of the standard piano quartet instrumentation — piano, violin, viola, and cello — with the addition of flute and voice. It will include *Deux poèmes de Ronsard* for voice and flute by Albert Roussel; the *Duo for Flute and Violoncello* by Francois Devienne; *Chansons Modecosses* for soprano, flute, cello, and

piano by Maurice Ravel; *Vox Balanœ* for flute, cello, and piano by George Crumb; and the *Piano Quartet No. 2 in E-flat* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

The performers will be Nancy Froyland Hoerl, soprano; Jill Crawford and Kevin Willois, flute; Satoko Robert, violin; Marjorie Selden, viola; Carol Redfield Vizzini, cello; and Clipper Erickson, piano. All are members of the Westminster Conservatory faculty.

Ms. Hoerl has performed in Europe, the United States, and the United Kingdom. As a chamber musician, she has appeared as guest artist with the Allegro Society of New Jersey, the Philadelphia Virtuoso Orchestra, and the Wilmington Musical Festival. She has performed leading opera and operetta roles in Austria, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware. A native of Minnesota, she received her bachelor's degree from Moorhead State University, Minnesota, and her master's degree in voice performance and pedagogy from Westminster Choir College.

Ms. Crawford is active as a performer on both modern and Baroque flutes. She is a member of the chamber ensembles Trillium, Col Legno, and the Volanti Flute Quartet, and was a participant in the International Baroque Institute at Longy in Massachusetts. She is a graduate of New England Conservatory and received a master's degree from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers.

Mr. Willois received a bachelor's degree and master's degree from the Mason

Gross School of the Arts. He has served as the principal flutist of the Rutgers Orchestra and SummerFest Orchestra, and is a member of Sonora Winds.

Ms. Robert is the former director of the Kalamazoo College Suzuki program. She has performed with orchestras in Kyoto, Evansville, Kalamazoo, and with the American Symphony. She has a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts and a performer's diploma from Kyoto University of Art and Music.

Ms. Selden is the principal violist of the Newtown Chamber Orchestra and the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, and a member of the Delaware Valley Philharmonic and Edison Symphony. A member of the chamber ensemble Trillium, she holds music degrees from Boston University and the State University of New York at Albany.

Ms. Vizzini has been a teacher, soloist, and performer in the New Jersey/New York area for more than 30 years. She has performed in London, England, as a member of the Delbarton Baroque Ensemble, and in Amman, Jordan, and Cairo, Egypt, with the Princeton Chamber Symphony. The head of the string department at Westminster Conservatory, she has also taught at the Lawrenceville School and Delbarton School, and serves on the coaching and teaching staff of the New Jersey Youth Symphony. She graduated magna cum laude from the Philadelphia Musical Academy.

Mr. Erickson has performed in venues from the Great Hall of Moscow Conservatory to the Kennedy Center. His most recent CD, *An Orchestro of One*, features transcriptions for solo piano of orchestral works. He has been a prize-winner at international competitions, including the Busoni Competition, the William Kapell Competition, and the American Pianists' Association.

Additional Kaleidoscope recitals are planned for Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m. in Rider University's Gill Chapel; Sunday, April 10 at 3 p.m. in Gill Chapel; and Sunday, May 8 at 4 p.m. in Bristol Chapel.

Recital tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and students, and may be purchased by calling the Westminster box office at (609) 921-2663.



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### Voices Chorale to Offer Handel's "Saul" in March

Pennington's 70-member Voices Chorale will present two performances of the Handel oratorio *Saul* in March — on March 5 in Langhorne, Pa., and on March 6 at 3 p.m. at Pennington Presbyterian Church. The Langhorne concert will be at the Langhorne United Methodist Church.

The Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Lynne Ransom, received standing ovations last March for performances of Handel's *Israel* in Egypt in Pennington and Morrisville, Pa.

*Saul* was written in 1738 with librettist Charles Jennens, who also collaborated on *Messiah*, *L'Allegro*, and *Belshazzor*. Although *Saul* is not as well known as *Messiah*, it is considered to display similar orchestration and vocal writing.

Handel scholar Winton Dean compared the drama and tragedy of *Saul* to Shakespeare's *King Lear*, writing that the piece "raised the Old Testament oratorio to its highest point and produced one of the supreme masterpieces of dramatic art."

The biblical story of *Saul*, the first King of Israel, is one of jealousy and betrayal but also one of redemption. It tells the story of *Saul's* jealousy of David, who slew Goliath and went on to defeat the Philistines. *Saul's* plot to kill David ultimately led to murder and his downfall. In the end, David

emerged as the leader of his people, allowing the choral message to remind us that a strong nation endures despite the rise and fall of its leaders.

*Saul* will feature a chamber orchestra and soloists John Sergey, bass-baritone, in the title role; soprano Elizabeth Bouk as Michal; and counter-tenor Corey Crawford as David.

A silent auction fund-raiser will be presented prior to and during intermission at the Pennington concert.

Tickets are \$18 for general admission, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$8 for children 12 and under, and may be ordered by calling (609) 637-9383.

The Pennington Presbyterian Church is located at 13 South Main Street, Pennington; the Langhorne United Methodist Church, at 302 East Maple Avenue, Langhorne.

### New Kingston Chorus Seeks "Women Who Love to Sing"

Heather Robbins, a choral director and vocal teacher in Somerset and Middlesex Counties, has announced the formation of The Kingston Women's Chorus, and the search for members "who love to sing, no experience necessary."

While acknowledging that experience is a plus, Ms. Robbins, a Kingston resident, puts greater emphasis on a woman's commitment to the chorus through her energy and willingness to learn. "You can't read music?" asked Ms. Robbins. "That's OK. It's a nice skill to have, but I have other ways to teach the music."

The Kingston Women's Chorus will have no age restrictions, and no auditions, said Ms. Robbins.

Currently a voice teacher at the Center Stage Dance and Theater School in East Brunswick, Ms. Robbins is also a member of the Tritones, an a cappella singing trio that performs regularly at the Montgomery Center for the Arts 1860 House Café in Skillman. A graduate of Cornell University, she got her first taste of women's music there by join-

ing a women's chorus and learning about its special sound. She went on to earn a master's in music history with concentrations in the teaching of voice and choral music from the University of New Hampshire.

Rehearsals will be Sundays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Kingston United Methodist Church, Church Street. A \$5 fee is payable at each rehearsal.

For more information, call Ms. Robbins at (609) 683-8319.

### Westminster Conservatory Slates February 17 Recital

A program of music for flute, violin, and piano will be offered by faculty members of Westminster Conservatory on Thursday, February 17 in the Niles Chapel of Nassau Presbyterian Church. The 12:15 p.m. recital is open to the public without charge.

The performers will be Seth Rosenthal, flute; Ileana Ciurmac, violin; and Galina Prilutskaya, piano. The program will consist of the Trio Sonata in A by C.P.E. Bach and Promenades by Bohuslav Martinu.

Mr. Rosenthal has played flute with the New Jersey Symphony, New York City Opera, and the National Orchestral Association Symphony. Formerly the principal


flutist with the Orquesta Sinfonica de Estado de Mexico, he currently plays flute and piccolo in opera orchestras, ballet orchestras, bands, and symphonies in New Jersey and New York.

In her native Romania Ms. Ciurmac was a solo and ensemble performer with the Symphonic Orchestra and Opera Symphonic Orchestra in Timisoara. She has performed throughout Romania, and in Germany, Italy, Spain, France, and the United States. She is presently a member of many local orchestras, and concertmaster of the Westminster Community Orchestra.

Ms. Prilutskaya has performed as piano soloist, chamber musician, and accompanist in Moscow and the United States. She has a bachelor of music degree from Moscow College and a master of music degree from Astrakhan Conservatory. At Westminster Conservatory she is a member of the Master Faculty.

The Westminster Conservatory at Nassau series will continue on March 17 with a recital by Sonora Winds, performing the music of Bentzon, Beethoven, D'Rivera, and others.

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fan Parkman, conductor of the Swedish Radio Choir. The centerpiece of the program will be the *Moss for Double Choir* by Swiss composer Frank Martin. Works by Scandinavian composers Jaakko Mäntyjärvi, Gunnar Hahn, and Hugo Alfvén will also be performed.

Prof. Parkman graduated from the Royal University College of Music in Stockholm and holds a professorship in choral conducting at Uppsala University in Sweden. He has been leader of the Uppsala Cathedral Boy's Choir, YMCA Chamber Choir in Stockholm, and the Royal Philharmonic Choir in Stockholm. Since 1983 he has been conductor of Uppsala Akademiska Kammarkör. In 2002 he became chief conductor of the Swedish Radio Choir.

As a freelance conductor, Prof. Parkman regularly conducts the Rundfunkchor and the RIAS Kammerchor in Berlin, BBC Singers in London, and Nederlands Kamerkoor in Amsterdam. He has appeared with numerous symphony orchestras and ensembles in

Scandinavia. In 1997, he was made Knight of the Dannebrog by Queen Margerethe II of Denmark, and in 1998 was elected member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Music.

The Westminster Choir, composed of students at Westminster Choir College, has been the chorus-in-residence for the Spoleto Festival U.S.A. since 1977, performing both in concert and as the opera chorus. The choir was also the chorus-in-residence for the Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy, for 23 years. Its 2004-05 season includes performances of choral masterworks by Brahms with its conductor laureate, Joseph Flummerfelt; Handel's *Messiah* with the New York Philharmonic conducted by Alan Gilbert; and several performances at the 2005 Spoleto Festival U.S.A. Its newest recording, *Heaven to Earth*, was released in September.

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nated for a BBC Radio 3 Award for World Music.

Appearing at Richardson with Mr. Sosa will be Mino Cinelu, French-Caribbean percussionist; Geoff Brennan, acoustic bass; and Eric Crystal, saxophones.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission; \$6 for seniors and students. They may be ordered through the Richardson Auditorium box office at (609) 258-5000.

### Nassau at Six Concert To Feature Jazz Quartet

Bill Carter and the Presbybop Quartet will present a jazz vespers at Nassau Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 20 at 6 p.m. The innovative worship service, part of Nassau Presbyterian's Nassau at Six Concert Series, is free of charge.

Since its inception in 1993, the Presbybop Quartet has become recognized as a rising force in jazz, attracting the praise of jazz legend Dave Brubeck, who said "Their music is wonderful; I highly recommend it."

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The program will draw upon the work of the Jazz in Worship project, a recent grant project of the Calvin Institute of Worship. The vespers will be followed by a brief concert featuring selections from the band's four compact discs, *Dancing Doy*, *Foith in a New Key*, *Fragile Incarnation*, and *Stand On Your Head*.

A dinner with the musicians will follow the concert, costing \$5 for adults, \$2 for children. Childcare for infants through pre-school will be available by reservation.

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### University to Present Jazz Pianist Omar Sosa

The Princeton University Program in Latin American Studies will present the Cuban jazz pianist Omar Sosa and his Quartet on Friday evening, February 18, at 8 p.m. at Richardson Auditorium.

Born and raised in Camaguey, Cuba, Mr. Sosa attended its Conservatory, later studying at the Escuela Nacional de Musica in Havana and finishing his education at the city's Instituto Superior de Arte. It was during these years that he first became familiar with jazz, largely through recordings of Oscar Peterson, Herbie Hancock, Chick Corea, John Coltrane, and Charlie Parker. He was also influenced by such progressive Cuban artists as Chucho Valdez, Irakere, and Emiliano Salvador.

Moving to Quito, Ecuador, in 1983, Mr. Sosa discovered the folkloric music of Esmeraldas, a pocket of African-rooted culture on that country's northwest coast. In 1995, he moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, where he joined the local Latin jazz scene.

Mr. Sosa's style fuses traditional vocals and instruments from the Gnawa culture of North Africa, with lyrics in Arabic, English, Portuguese, Spanish, and Yoruba; and the use of such instruments as the guembri, oud, djembe, balafon, and marimba.

In 2003, Mr. Sosa received a lifetime achievement award from the Smithsonian Institution for contributions to the development of Latin music in the United States. The presentation coincided with his Washington, D.C., debut in the Voice of America Auditorium. Last year, he was nomi-

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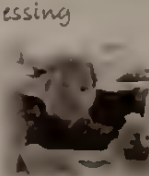
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## NJSO Family Concert Sunday in Plainsboro

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will present its second set of Family Concert programs of the 2004-05 season with a performance this Sunday, February 13 at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North in Plainsboro beginning at 2 p.m. The program will feature a side-by-side performance with the West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North Orchestra.

The concert will include Prokofiev's classic *Peter and the Wolf* and selections from Grieg's *Peer Gynt*. The orchestra will be led by guest conductor Constantine Kit-sopolous.

The concert will also be offered on Saturday, February 12 at NJPAC in Newark at 2 p.m.

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## NJSO Concert in Trenton To Combine Music, Movies

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will combine the big screen with symphonic music and classic movies for a performance this Friday, February 11 at the War Memorial in Trenton, beginning at 8 p.m. The program will feature familiar dance scenes from movies such as *Brigadoon*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *An American in Paris*, and *Madame Bovary* set to live orchestral music.

The orchestra will be led by guest conductor Constantine Kitsopolous.

The program, titled *A Symphonic Night at the Movies with the NJSO*, will also be offered at NJPAC in Newark, beginning at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, February 10 and Saturday, February 12.

Mr. Kitsopolous was most recently music director of *Dracula* on Broadway and Baz Luhrmann's production of Puccini's *La Bohème*. He continues to lead the New York Virtuosi Chamber Symphony in educational concerts throughout the New York Metropolitan area. He last conducted the NJSO in the 2001-02 season.

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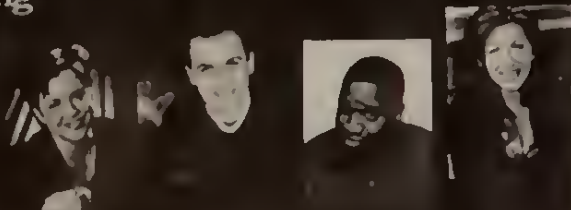
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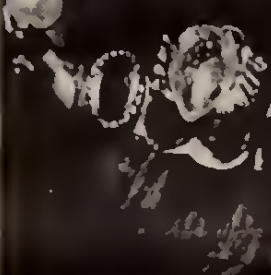
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The dramatic readings will be supplemented with paintings by MCCC art professor Mel Leipzig, an Ibsen aficionado, who will serve as dramaturge for the production.

According to Nick Anselmo, MCCC drama program coordinator, Prof. Leipzig is the driving force behind the production. "The students will use translations by the late Rolf Fjelde, the pre-eminent scholar and translator of Henrik Ibsen's work in America," he said. "Leipzig and Fjelde were close friends, and Leipzig used him and Ibsen as the subject for several paintings to be displayed during the performance."

Mr. Anselmo added that both plays represent an important period in Ibsen's development as a writer. "Since we are only doing the final acts, Mr. Leipzig will deliver a synopsis of each play to help the audience follow the action."

In addition to MCCC students, local professional actors will participate in the production.

The college's new collaboration with Artworks provides a "perfect setting" to blend theatre and art, and to highlight the college's renewed commitment to the arts in downtown Trenton, said Mr. Anselmo. MCCC's fine arts faculty began offering classes at Artworks in September.

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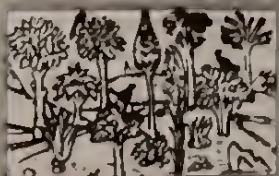
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### Art Spiegelman Creator of "Maus" To Examine Comics In McCarter Lecture

McCarter Theatre will present Art Spiegelman, one of the most influential illustrators and comic book artists of our time, in *Comix 101*, a visual exploration of the history of comics, on Saturday, February 19 at 8 p.m. Mr. Spiegelman will also discuss his most recent book, *In the Shadow of No Towers*, a personal retelling of the events of September 11. The program will conclude with a question and answer period.

Mr. Spiegelman almost single-handedly brought comic books onto the literature shelves with his Holocaust narrative *Maus*, which portrayed Jews as mice and Nazis as cats. The book earned Mr. Spiegelman the Pulitzer Prize in 1992.

*Maus II* continued the story

of Mr. Spiegelman's parents' survival of the Nazi regime and their lives later in America. His comics are best known for their shifting graphic styles, formal complexity, and controversial content.

In his McCarter lecture, Mr. Spiegelman will take the audience on a chronological tour of the evolution of comics, explaining the value of the medium and why it should not be ignored. The importance of comics is on the rise, he believes, "for comics echo the way the brain works. People think in iconographic images, not in holograms, and people think in bursts of language, not in paragraphs."

Having rejected his parents' aspirations for him to become a dentist, Mr. Spiegelman studied cartooning in high school and began drawing professionally at age 16. He went on to study art and philosophy at the State University of New York at Binghamton before joining the underground comics movement.

Mr. Spiegelman taught the history and aesthetics of comics at the School for Visual Arts in New York from 1979 to 1986. In 1980 he co-founded *RAW* magazine, an anthology of cartooning and graphic experimentation that helped to further propel the comic book genre into the realm of art. His work has since been published in many periodicals including *The New Yorker*, where he was a staff artist and writer from 1993 to 2003.

Last September Pantheon Books released a book of his series of broadsheet-sized color comics pages, *In the Shadow of No Towers*. The politically charged works were originally published in European newspapers and magazines including *Die Zeit* and *The London Review of Books*. The collection was selected by *The New York Times Book Review* as one of the 100 Notable Books of 2004.

Tickets are \$18, \$20, \$23 and \$25, and may be ordered by calling (609) 258-2787.

### State Theatre to Offer Irish Dance Company

The 22-member Trinity Irish Dance Company will return to New Brunswick's State Theatre on Friday, March 4, at 8 p.m., during its tour of a new program, *Different Dances, Different Drums*. The program pairs championship step dancing with the rhythms of drum-driven Celtic music in a new music and dance extravaganza.

The program will represent a collaboration by the Trinity Irish Dance Company and *Different Drums of Ireland*, with *Different Drums* providing the pipes, whistles, and drumming for an evening of precision and percussion.

The Trinity Irish Dance Company was founded in 1991 by artistic director Mark Howard as a means of providing professional career opportunities to students who formerly had no outlets for their dance training beyond the competitive circuit. Made up of dancers between the ages of 18 and 28, it has performed on stages throughout the world, with sold-out tours in Europe and Asia. In the U.S., the troupe has appeared at Washington's Kennedy Center, New York's Joyce and New Victory Theatres, and Los Angeles' Royce Hall. The company has appeared in feature films by Disney, DreamWorks, Touchstone, and Universal, and on such television programs as *The Tonight Show*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, *CBS This Morning*, *Live with Regis*, and *Good Morning America*. It has won two Emmy Awards for its appearances on the PBS specials *One Step Beyond* and *World Stage*.

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## Shakespeare '70 Troupe To Present "Hay Fever"

The Noel Coward comedy *Hay Fever* will be given a two-week run starting tomorrow at The College of New Jersey's Don Evan Black Box Theater (formerly the Studio Theater) in Ewing. The production, by the Trenton-based repertory company Shakespeare '70, will be directed by John F. Erath.

The performance dates and times are February 10, 11, and 12 at 8 p.m., and February 17, 18, and 19 at 8 p.m. and February 20 at 2 p.m.

The playwright was inspired to write the comedy after spending a weekend with an eccentric Broadway star and her family in 1924. *Hay Fever* takes place over a weekend in the English countryside, where the quirky, artistic Bliss family and their guests engage in absurd squabbles and romantic trysts. When the four Blisses — a husband and wife who have defined themselves entirely by their artistic careers, and their two grown children who are following in their parents' footsteps — all decide to invite weekend guests, the visitors are unwittingly cast in the family's melodrama.

Director Erath's cast will include Carol Kehoe as Judith, the theatrical matriarch who lives a performance every day; Kurt Penney as Judith's husband, a second-rate and irascible novelist; and Melissa Evans and Curt Foxworth as Sorel and Simon, the Blisses' quarrelsome children. Janet Quartarone, Tom Curbishley, Elizabeth Hults, and Patrick Albanusius will play the unsuspecting guests.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for students. A rate of \$10 per ticket is available for groups of ten, seniors, and TCNJ faculty and staff. For reservations and information, call (609) 882-5979.

## Rider University Schedules Pinter's "The Homecoming"

Rider University's theater department will present Harold Pinter's dark comedy, *The Homecoming*, at 8 p.m. on February 18, 19, 25, and 26 in the University's Yvonne Theater in Lawrenceville. Six members of the department will enact the story of a family encountering the return of an

estranged son and his wife.

The production is for mature audiences.

The play is set in an old house in North London. Max, the patriarch of the house and a retired butcher, his 63-year-old younger brother Sam, Max's sons Lenny, a small time pimp, and Joey, an aspiring boxer, all deal with the return of Teddy, the estranged oldest son, and his wife Ruth. It is Ruth's presence that shakes up the natural "order" in the house, according to Brian Cichocki, adjunct instructor and guest director. "The Homecoming deals with patriarchal structure and power and particularly the role of women in a male-dominated environment," he said.

"Despite the brutal issues which arise, there is a great deal of humor," added Mr. Cichocki, who is directing Rider students for the first time. "I have always been intrigued by this play; it is probably Pinter's best-known work."

Before coming to Rider, Mr. Cichocki studied acting in New York City. He later began to direct staged readings of plays, then full productions in New York and New Jersey. He is now developing a new play with British playwright Dominic Leggett.

Tickets are \$10 for the public, \$5 for students, faculty, staff, and seniors. For more information, call (609) 896-5303.

## Tony Award Winner "Rent" To Rock State Theatre

The Tony and Pulitzer Prize winning Broadway musical *Rent* will arrive at New Brunswick's State Theatre for two performances in March, on Wednesday, March 2 and Thursday, March 3, at 8 p.m.

A rock musical inspired by Puccini's opera *La Boheme*, *Rent* is the story of a group of young artists in downtown New York struggling to find love and success. Written by Jonathan Larson and directed by Michael Greif, the show received its world premiere off-Broadway in February 1996 to enthusiastic reviews. It rapidly became a sold-out hit, transferring to Broadway within months. A year ago, it surpassed *Fiddler On The Roof* to become the 10th longest-running show in Broadway history. It is only the fifth musical ever to win both the Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award.

The success of *Rent* has always been tempered by the death of its creator, Mr. Larson, who died unexpectedly of an aneurysm on the morning

of January 25, 1996, just hours after the show's final dress rehearsal off-Broadway.

The State Theatre production will feature musical direction by Tim Weil, choreography by Marlies Yearby, set design by Paul Clay, costume design by Angela Wendt, and lighting design by Blake Burba. A free pre-performance "Insight" with speaker Maureen Heffernan will be available to ticket holders for the March 2 performance only. A post-show reception will offer the audience a chance to mix and compare notes.

Rent tickets are \$52, \$45, \$38, and \$22, with group and college student discounts available. To order, call (732) 246-7469 or (877) STATE-11, or visit [www.StateTheatreNJ.org](http://www.StateTheatreNJ.org).

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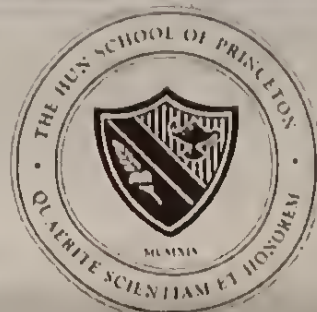
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**CINEMA REVIEW**

**The Wedding Date**

**Old Maid Hires Male Escort as "The Wedding Date"**

**K**at Ellis (Debra Messing) is a British expatriate living in New York City who is about to return to London to participate in the marriage of her younger sister, Amy (Amy Adams). She dreads attending the wedding because the best man is her former fiancé, Jeffrey (Jeremy Sheffield), a cad who had callously broken her heart several years earlier.

As a consequence, Kat suffers from low self-esteem and can't bear the idea of showing up at the gathering without a handsome escort. So, she hires a male escort to masquerade as her devoted and doting boyfriend.

After scouring the personal ads, she finds an agency that will supply Mr. Right to accompany her to England. Nick Mercer (Dermot Mulroney), is not only handsome and gracious, but an intellectual with a degree in Comparative Literature from Brown University. Kat wants her family, friends and former beau to be impressed by her escort.

If this set-up sounds familiar, think of *Pretty Woman* (1990), with the genders reversed. Instead of a prosperous businessman paying an attractive call girl for a week of her company, *The Wedding Date* revolves around a successful single woman who hires a toy-boy.

It makes sense to pilfer *Pretty Woman's* premise, since that picture landed Julia Roberts an Academy Award nomination and grossed half a billion dollars at the box office, more than any romantic comedy in

Hollywood history. However, all similarities between the two films begin and end with the reversed plotline.

Clare Kilner, director of the film, does not bring out the humor and chemistry in the relationship between the protagonists, which is essential for a romantic comedy. Debra

Messing (of NBC-TV's *Will and Grace*), fails to convey the desperation Kat's character calls for, and Dermot Mulroney is equally unconvincing as a gigolo with an Ivy League pedigree.

The script never explores why Kat, an intelligent, attractive woman, can't get a date, nor does it explain why Nick chooses to be an escort for hire. The film unfolds as a dysfunctional family affair with another skeleton poised to pop out of the closet every few minutes. For some reason, it seems that everybody has a secret to reveal.

Among the confessions which threaten to derail the impending wedding, is Jeffrey's admission to Kat that he'd broken off their engagement to enjoy a two-year affair with her sister. Kat then confronts



**MORE THAN SHE BARGAINED FOR:** Kat Ellis (Debra Messing, left) discovers just how accomplished her date, escort-for-hire Nick Mercer (Dermot Mulroney), is at his job.

(Photo by Eugene Adabari, ©2005 Universal Studios, all rights reserved)

the bride, who in turn threatens to inform the groom of her ongoing indiscretion with his best friend.

**P**eople this self-destructive are more pathetic than funny, and the supporting characters don't save the film from disaster. In this age of female empowerment, does any woman fantasize about being saved Cinderella-style by a prostitute Prince Charming?

Poor (0 stars). Rating: PG-13 for nudity, sexual situations, and dialogue. Running time: 90 minutes. Studio: Universal Pictures.

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**Assault on Precinct 13** (R for drug use, graphic violence and profanity). This overhaul of the grisly 1976 crime thriller of the same name stars Ethan Hawke as an embattled veteran desk sergeant dealing with an attack by an armed gang of mobsters intent on freeing a drug kingpin (Laurence Fishburne) being held in an understaffed Detroit jail. With Ja Rule, Brian Dennehy, John Leguizamo, and Gabriel Byrne.

**The Aviator** (PG-13 for nudity, sexual content, mature themes, profanity, and a crash sequence). Martin Scorsese tapped Leonardo DiCaprio to play Howard Hughes in this biopic about the enterprising, eccentric playboy who parlayed a modest inheritance into a massive fortune. With Kate Beckinsale as Ava Gardner, Cate Blanchett as Katherine Hepburn, Jude Law as Errol Flynn, Gwen Stefani as Jean Harlow, Jane Lynch as Amelia Earhart, Stanley DeSantis as Louis B. Mayer, and Michael-John Wolf as Cary Grant.

**Bad Education** (Unrated). Oscar-winner Pedro Almodovar (*Talk to Her*) wrote and directed this semi-autobiographical film which examines the effect of sexual abuse by a Catholic priest on the friendship of two boys, one of whom grows up to be a filmmaker. In Spanish with subtitles.

**Bogeyman** (PG-13 for nudity, terror, and horror). Horror film from New Zealand about a man (Barry Watson) traumatized by a recurring childhood nightmare who moves back to the home he grew up in to find out whether the mysterious figure in his bedroom was all a figment of his imagination.

**Coach Carter** (PG-13 for sex, expletives, violence, drug use and underage partying). Samuel L. Jackson handles the title role in this true story of an inner-city, high school basketball coach who cared enough about his players to bench the entire team for academic underperformance, even though they were undefeated at the time. With Ashanti and Debbi Morgan.

**Finding Neverland** (PG for adult themes and mild epithets). Johnny Depp stars as Scottish playwright J.M. Barrie in this family drama which speculates about what might have been the inspiration behind *Peter Pan*, his revered children's classic. With Kate Winslet, Vanessa Redgrave, Dustin Hoffman and Julie Christie.

**Hide and Seek** (R for violence and frightening sequences). Robert De Niro stars in this horror film as a widower whose nine-year-old daughter (Dakota Fanning) creates an imaginary friend, Charlie, to deal with her mother's suicide. Famke Janssen co-stars as the little girl's shrink who determines that Charlie might be more real than imagined.

**Hitch** (PG-13 for profanity and sexual references). Unlikely-buddy comedy with Will Smith as a date doctor doling out advice to a geek (Kevin James) going after the glamorous girl (Amber Valletta) of his dreams. Cast includes Eva Mendes, Michael Rapaport, and Adam Arkin.

**Hotel Rwanda** (PG-13 for violence, profanity, and disturbing images). Don Cheadle landed a Golden Globe nomination for his performance in this true story about a hotel manager who saved over 1,000 refugees from ethnic cleansing during the Rwandan civil war. With Nick Nolte, Joaquin Phoenix, and Cara Seymour.

**In Good Company** (PG-13 for sex and drug references). Dennis Quaid stars in this comedy of errors as a demoted corporate middle manager whose new young boss (Topher Grace) starts dating his 18 year-old daughter (Scarlett Johansson).

**Inside Deep Throat** (NC-17). Documentary revisits *Deep Throat*, the X-rated, sexual liberation-era film made for \$25,000 in 1972 which went on to gross over \$600 million. Pro-porn pic violates the late Linda Lovelace again by including explicit scenes despite the star's well-publicized protestations that she was forced to perform at gunpoint and only paid a pittance for demonstrating her amazing oral feat.

**Meet the Fockers** (PG-13 for off-color humor, profanity, and a drug reference). Sequel to *Meet the Parents* introduces Barbra Streisand and Dustin Hoffman as the very ethnic parents of Ben Stiller. Plot has Robert DeNiro and Blythe Danner, returning as protective parents of the bride (Teri Polo), now venturing to Florida to size-up their daughter's soon to be in-laws.

**The Merchant of Venice** (R for nudity). Tenth big screen adaptation of the William Shakespeare classic about a man expected to pay off a loan he took for a friend with a pound of his own flesh. Starring Al Pacino as Shylock, Jeremy Irons as Antonio, Joseph Fiennes as Bassanio, and Lynn Collins as Portia.

**Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13 for violence, profanity, and adult themes). Clint Eastwood directs and stars in this fight film about an ex-boxer who, with the help of a wise, one-eyed janitor (Morgan Freeman), grudgingly trains a woman (Hilary Swank) who wants to be a contender. Landed Best Picture, Director, and a trio of acting Oscar nominations, one for each of the above thespians.

**Pooh's Heffalump Movie** (G). Disney kiddie cartoon adventure has Winnie the Pooh and pals in the forest where they learn some very valuable life lessons while searching for a mysterious creature.

**Racing Stripes** (PG for crude humor and language). Frankie Munoz lends his voice to the title character in this live action/animation comedy about a baby zebra accidentally abandoned by a traveling circus in Kentucky where he is adopted by a teenage girl (Hayden Panettiere) who helps him overcome ostracism and self doubts while training him on her father's horse farm to run with the thoroughbreds. Additional voicework supplied by Steve Harvey, Joe Pantoliano, David Spade, Snoop Dogg, Mandy Moore, Jeff Foxworthy, Whoopi Goldberg, Dustin Hoffman, and Michael Clarke Duncan.

**Sideways** (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Mid-life crisis comedy with Paul Giamatti as an unpublished writer who embarks on an exploration of women and relationships in the California wine country with his old college roommate, a washed-up actor (Thomas Haden Church), who is going to be married in one week.

**A Very Long Engagement** (R for violence and sexuality). Audrey Tautou stars in a World War I romance drama, adapted from the novel of the same name by Sebastien Japrisot, as a woman desperately searching everywhere from the city of Paris to the trenches on the front lines for her missing fiancé, a soldier who had been court-martialed. In French with subtitles.

**The Wedding Dote** (PG-13 for sexual content). Debra Messing stars in this romantic comedy, set in London, as an old maid who hires a male escort (Dermot Mulroney) to dupe the fiancé, who dumped her, into believing she has a hot new beau.

—Kam Williams

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8 p.m.: *Lend Me o Tenor*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

## Thursday, February 10

Noon: Talk, with Cornel West, author of *The African American Century*; Conant Lounge, Educational Testing Service, Lawrenceville.

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.: Princeton Regional Schools Job Fair; John Witherspoon Middle School.

7 p.m.: African-American Book Discussion Group; YWCA Princeton.

8 p.m.: Passage Theatre's *Rosemary and I*; Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 5 p.m.

8 p.m.: Moiseyev Dance Company; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *Hay Fever*; Evan Black Box Theater, The College of New Jersey, Ewing. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

10 p.m.: 3-D blues band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

## Friday, February 11

4:30 p.m.: Talk by Ronald Schuchard on "The Mask of Lust and Rage in Yeats' Last Poems"; James Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street.

7 p.m.: Film Series for teens, *For-Out Films*; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: *Nonsense*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

8 p.m.: *Little by Little*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Opera Verdi Europa production of *Car-men*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

10:30 p.m.: Lucy Bonilla; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

## Saturday, February 12

7 p.m.: Father-Daughter Valentine's Day Dance; YWCA Princeton.

7:30 p.m.: Concord Jazz Festival; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Concert, *Keeping the Faith*, with Princeton Pro Musica and Jim Ridl Jazz Quartet; Nassau Presbyterian Church.

8 p.m.: Princeton Singers' Second Annual Valentine's

Day Concert; Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, 2688 Main Street.

8:30 p.m.: Emergency Funk Squad; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

10:30 p.m.: The Finales rock band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

## Sunday, February 13

2 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Family Concert; West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North, Plainsboro.

4 p.m.: Princeton Society of Musical Amateurs reading of Gilbert & Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*; Princeton Unitarian Church.

4 p.m.: Princeton Symphony Orchestra's Chamber Music Series; Montgomery Center for the Arts, Skillman.

8 p.m.: *Over the Rainbow: A Century of Harold Arlen*, with Faith Prince and Tom Wopat; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Harold Arlen Celebration, *Over the Rainbow*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

## Monday, February 14

4 p.m.: Historic Preservation Commission; Township Municipal Complex.

## Tuesday, February 15

5:30 p.m.: Board of Trustees, Princeton Public Library.

6 p.m.: Princeton Regional Schools Board Meeting; John Witherspoon Middle School.

7:30 p.m.: Sidewalk and Bike Advisory Committee; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Program of Sephardic Dance and Music; Nicholas Music Center, 85 George Street, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: *Lend Me o Tenor*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Thursday at 2 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

## Wednesday, February 16

12:30 to 1 p.m.: Free "After Noon" Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

6 to 9 p.m.: Community Dialogue, "Race Relations, Next Steps"; Suzanne Patterson Center. Call (609) 688-2055 for reservations.

# RESCUE REPORT

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 44 calls from January 29 through February 4. A total of 27 calls were to Princeton Borough, 14 to Princeton Township, and three to neighboring municipalities. Included in these numbers are six calls to Princeton University.

Shortly after 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 3, the squad responded to Charleston Street for a 20-year-old male who had fallen off his bicycle. He was not wearing a helmet and suffered multiple cuts and bruises to his face, head, hands and knees. The victim had also lost consciousness from the fall, and could no longer remember the events that had transpired that day. The patient was transported to the trauma center at CHS-Fuld.

The afternoon of Friday, February 4, was very busy for the squad, with nine calls within three hours. Of note, the squad responded to an eating club on Prospect Avenue three times for patients who had reportedly fallen. Alcohol played a role in each of these calls, which took place during a celebration for newly-admitted members of the eating club.

Two of the fall patients sustained minor injuries and

were transported to the University Medical Center at Princeton. However, one patient, a 19-year-old male, was found covered in blood from a laceration and significant bruises sustained when he hit his head against a stairway railing. The patient was immobilized to prevent further spinal injuries and transported to the Trauma Center

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## Wednesday, Feb. 9:

9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.  
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.  
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.  
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

## Thursday, Feb. 10:

9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.  
10:00 a.m. Quilt Party; SPB.  
11:00 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too; RC.  
1:00 p.m. Art; SPB.  
3:00 p.m. Pilates; SPB.

## Friday, Feb. 11:

9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.  
9:30 a.m. Free Tax Assistance; SPB.  
10:30 a.m. Art; SPB.  
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.

## Monday, Feb. 14:

9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.  
10:45 a.m. Ballroom Dancing; SPB.  
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.  
12:30 p.m. Free Tax Assistance; SC & SPB.  
1:00 p.m. Strength Training; SPB.  
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

## Tuesday, Feb. 15:

9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure; RC.  
11:15 a.m. Chair Yoga; SPB.  
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.  
1:00 p.m. Literature w/George Ingenbrandt; SC.  
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.  
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

## Wednesday, Feb. 16:

9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.  
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.  
12:15 p.m. Movie & Lunch; SPB.  
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.  
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4:30 p.m. CAPS; SPB.

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## Gaudiel's Emergence as Star Goaltender A Big Spark for Tiger Women's Hockey

**S**pending last summer in her native Florida, Roxanne Gaudiel had to be resourceful as she prepared herself to take over as the starting goalie for the Princeton University women's ice hockey team.

"I just tried to find some ice," said a smiling Gaudiel as she explained her pre-season regimen. "I was trying not to get killed by the guys in the men's leagues."

Hardened by her summer playing with the guys, Gaudiel has been killing the competition this winter in her junior season.

Through Princeton's first 22 games, the Venice, Fla. native has compiled a goals against average of 1.71 and has recorded five shutouts.

Gaudiel's emergence has been pivotal for Princeton since she was filling the skates of the graduated Megan Van Beusekom, one of the greatest goalies in program history.

While it would have been natural for Gaudiel to feel pressure in following Van Beusekom, she said the transition has been smooth.

"We were really good friends," said the

5'4 Gaudiel, referring to Van Beusekom who she backed up for the last two seasons.

"I didn't look at it as coming up behind a great goaltender; I looked at it as following a great friend. That has made it a lot easier."

Gaudiel acknowledged that the Tigers didn't have an easy time after coming from behind last Friday to nip Clarkson 2-1 in overtime.

Princeton entered the third period against the Golden Knights trailing 1-0. A goal by sophomore star Liz Keady knotted the game at 1-1. With Gaudiel contributing live saves in the period, Clarkson was unable to score and the game went into overtime.

The Tigers got the game-winner as Kim Pearce broke through with just 17 seconds remaining in the extra session.

Even though Princeton had blanked Clarkson 3-0 last month, Gaudiel knew the Tigers were in for a dogfight last Friday.

"The league is so close, everyone is tough," said Gaudiel, who is ranked in the top ten nationally in goals against average



**SLAMMING THE DOOR:** Princeton University junior goaltender Roxanne Gaudiel makes one of her 12 saves in the Tigers' 2-1 overtime win against visiting Clarkson last Friday. Gaudiel, in her first season as Princeton's starting goalie, has emerged as a star, compiling a goals against average of 1.71 and a save percentage of .934. She is in the top ten nationally in both categories.

(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)



**TIGHT CLEARANCE:** Princeton University senior captain Becky Stewart, center, clears the puck in Princeton's come-from-behind 2-1 overtime win against Clarkson last Friday. Princeton, which went on to lose 5-2 to St. Lawrence on Saturday, is currently 12-6-4 overall and 6-5-1 in ECAC Hockey League play. The ninth-ranked Tigers play at Cornell on February 11 and at Colgate on February 12.

(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)

and save percentage (.934). "It's another lesson that you can't take anyone for granted."

The goalie credited the defensive play in front of her as playing a key role in Princeton's win. "I thought the defense did a real good job," said Gaudiel, reflecting on a game in which Princeton outshot Clarkson 48-13.

"Clarkson really didn't have that many great opportunities or shots so it was a good defensive effort. I thought our defense got our offense going."

Senior captain and defenseman Becky Stewart thought that the Tigers showed a collective resourcefulness as they pulled out the win.

"It shows we're a tough team," said Stewart, who helped the Tigers fight back from a one-goal deficit in their dramatic 4-3 win at Brown on January 29.

"We just can't take any win for granted, nothing comes lightly. Every team is going to have take us seriously. With a one or two goal deficit, we can definitely come back."

The ninth-ranked Tigers, however, failed a night later to forge another rally as they fell behind no. 5 St. Lawrence 3-0 on the way to a 5-2 setback.

With the Tigers at 12-6-4 overall and 6-5-1 in ECAC Hockey League play, they know they can't afford any more slip-ups.

"We're looking to win every game, every single game is a must-win situation," asserted Stewart, a native of Apple Valley, Minn. who has four points this season on three goals and an assist. "We've got to play hard every night. We're looking to get into the top eight, that's our goal."

In Gaudiel's view, the Tigers' defense will have to keep up its good work as the team plays at Cornell on February 11 and at Colgate on February 12.

"Our defense is kind of our strong point," maintained Gaudiel. "We focus on it a lot. We work on it really hard."

Gaudiel is relishing being in the middle of the action for the Princeton defense. "I'm just trying to stop pucks," said Gaudiel with a chuckle. "My athletic ability is one of my strengths. I try to be in a position where I can make a save every time. I'm just being really focused."

Another key element in Gaudiel's game is her vocal approach to goaltending. "I've been working on telling them when people are coming on the box and if we have a quick outlet," explained Gaudiel. "Really anything that helps, because they become distracted."

It's a good thing for Princeton that Gaudiel has been able to channel out distractions in her debut season as the team's top goalie.

—Bill Alden

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**IN SYNC:** Princeton High sophomore star John Ryan, left, and linemate Sam Finnell control the puck in PHS' 4-2 win over WW/P-N last Friday. Ryan has scored a team-high 43 points on 26 goals and 17 assists so far this season while Finnell has chipped in 31 points.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

## Ryan Overcomes Busted Skate As PHS Boys' Hockey Stuns Hun

John Ryan wasn't about to let a busted skate slow him down as the Princeton High boys' ice hockey team faced Hun School last Wednesday.

Realizing in warm-ups that a skate that he had cracked in a practice the night before wasn't going to hold up, the PHS sophomore star borrowed a replacement from assistant coach Bob Corell and was ready to go at face-off even though his foot was pinched a bit.

Within minutes, the Little Tigers had the Raiders on their heels as they jumped out to a 2-1 lead on early goals by Peter Miller and Sam Finnell. Hun, though, controlled play

in the second period and built PHS' first win over Hun since a 3-2 advantage on goals by the 2000 Mercer County Drew Mervin and Joseph Tournament.

"Nothing feels better than a third period comeback," said Ryan. "It's like in football, when you go down the field on the last drive to get the winning touchdown. It means so much to beat Hun. Whenever you beat a prep school, it means a lot. To beat a prep school that's in the same town, it's huge."

Even though PHS appeared to be wearing down as the second period came to a close, Ryan and his mates came out of the dressing room confident that they could forge a rally.

A beaming Ryan couldn't stop smiling as he reflected on the dramatic final minutes of the contest which marked

"We realized that we had such a great chance in front of us," recalled Ryan. "We were pretty silent in the locker room, we talked among ourselves. We got out there and got a big chant going. The blood started to flow once we scored."

After emerging as one of the top scorers in the Colonial Valley Conference last season as a freshman, Ryan knows he has to keep the points flowing in order for PHS to succeed.

"As a freshman, you almost feel like you're playing with house money," said Ryan, who has scored 43 points on 26 goals and 17 assists so far this season.

"You're out there looking to have fun and anything you can do to help the team is a plus. As a sophomore, particularly since we don't have any seniors, you take on more of a leadership role. You feel that you have to do more stuff."

While Ryan may be PHS' top gun, he is getting plenty of help from his linemates, Teifer and Finnell. Teifer, a sophomore, has 28 points while junior forward Finnell has contributed 31.

"We feel very responsible to score," said Ryan, referring to he and his linemates. "We're up to the challenge, we love it. It makes us play a lot better. We are completely in sync. I have been playing with Sam on a club team for two years. Peter and I have been best friends going all the way back to kindergarten."

PHS head coach Paul Merrow was certainly happy with how his top line took over the Hun game down the stretch. "I think they did a great job," said Merrow, reflecting on the last minutes of the win over Hun.

"Obviously, Pete with his speed, getting to that puck and getting around the goaltender. John is very elusive. He's not the speediest guy but he's got the stickhandling and he's able to get out of tight places and find open people. Sam battles, he's hard-nosed and works hard. He's a bull in a china shop with a lot of skills."

In Merrow's view, his team's comeback was the product of

some collective hard work. "Yesterday in practice, we set the tone," said Merrow, whose team is currently 13-3-1 and plays Lawrence on February 11 at Mercer County Park. "Last night, we had an intense practice. It didn't start out that way but it got very intense. You play the way you practice. If you practice lackadaisically, you play lackadaisically."

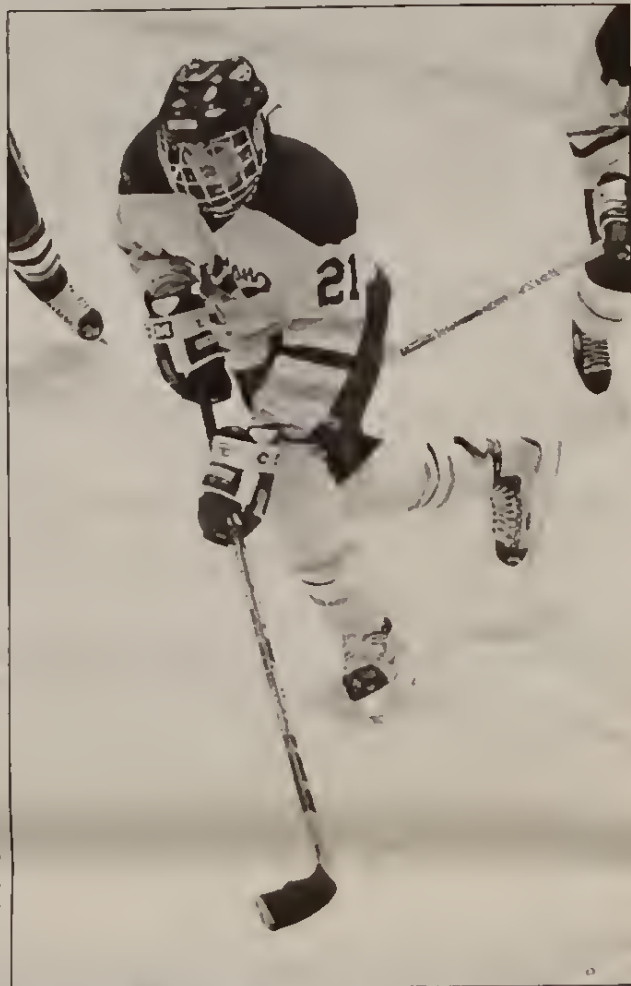
PHS will have to play with intensity if it wants to accomplish some special things this winter. "One of the things we talked about is that if we run the table and go 6-0, that's definitely a home game in the state tournament," said Merrow. "We'd like to do that and get that first one so we could get to the next one."

Ryan, for his part, believes the team has the confidence to make such goals a reality. "We just have a really good aura about ourselves," said Ryan. "We feel confident, we know we can go out there and succeed."

And Ryan showed last Wednesday that it will take a lot more than a broken skate to keep him from succeeding.

—Bill Alden

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**MILLER TIME:** Princeton High sophomore forward Peter Miller glides up the ice on the way to a one-goal performance in PHS' 4-2 win over WW/P-N last Friday. Miller has scored goals in the last three games for PHS, which is currently 13-3-1 on the season. The Little Tigers play Lawrence on February 11 at Mercer County Park.

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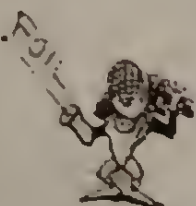
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**RIPPLE EFFECT:** Princeton High senior star Maddy Carroll churns through the water in a recent workout. Last Saturday, Carroll helped PHS take second in the team standings at the Mercer County Swimming Championships. Later this month, the Little Tigers will compete in the state Public B Tournament. Last year, PHS placed second in the tournament.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

## Sparked by Rossi's Love of Competition, PHS Girls' Swim Team 2nd at Counties

It was the annual pressure cooker atmosphere at the Mercer County Swimming Championships last Saturday at Lawrence High.

The pool complex was packed with swimmers and fans and the constant din of encouraging shouts drowned out the starting guns and splashing of competition.

All around the deck, which was heated to sauna-like conditions, intent coaches huddled with nervous swimmers, figuring out how to shave off valuable seconds from race times.

Amid the tension, Princeton High junior star Nina Rossi walked around the deck as if she were enjoying a summer afternoon at the Community Park pool.

The affable Rossi traded hugs and jokes with teammates and competitors alike. She smilingly greeted opposing coaches and winked at race officials as she made her way around the pool.

Once in the starting blocks, however, the prolific Rossi was all business. She took two individual titles, winning the 200-meter individual medley in a meet-record time of 2:22.00 and the 100 butterfly in 1:04.65.

In her last swim of the day, the 400 free relay, Rossi hit the water for the anchor leg

finding her team trailing Pennington by nearly half the pool. The powerful Rossi proceeded to produce a furious effort to near the gap to a body length as PHS got edged in the race.

Rossi's efforts earned her the recognition as the county meet's top girl swimmer for the third straight year and helped spark PHS to a second-place finish in the team standings as it totaled 191 points, trailing only WW/P-S with 224.

As she reflected on her sparkling effort, Rossi acknowledged that she thrives on competition. "I love competition, I love swimming in meets," said the bubbly Rossi with a laugh. "If I win, if I lose, whatever happens, I try my best. It's been that way since I started."

Rossi did acknowledge her satisfaction at again being named the meet's top female swimmer. "It's awesome, I'm glad I won it again," asserted Rossi. "I try not to feel pressure."

Rossi was happier with the team's performance than with any of her individual accolades. "The team has just gone crazy," said Rossi. "We never thought we'd be like that. Last year, I think we were fourth. Going up two places is great."

PHS coach Greg Hand took pride in the progress made by his girls' squad. "I like the expression 'everybody showed effort to near the gap to a body length as PHS got edged in the race.'"

"They worked their way through the preliminaries pretty nicely but I thought they had it just right today. They were really on fire, everybody competed well."

Of course, nobody was hotter for PHS on Saturday than Rossi. "I think she deserves it," said Hand, referring to Rossi getting the nod as the meet's top female performer.

"In the IM, she beat her previous record by two one-hundredths and last year she broke it by one one-hundredth. She competed terrifically."

With Rossi leading the charge, Hand believes his team will compete terrifically in the upcoming state Public B tournament.

"We're going to be tested, no doubt," said Hand, who guided his team to a stunning second place finish in last year's tournament. "The girls will compete. From the scouting we've done, we know they are going to have to swim our best times."

Rossi, for one, believes the team is up for the challenge. "We're ready for states, we're in the middle of our taper," added Rossi. "We're ready for it. We're ready to take on anything that's in our way."

The superstar junior has her sights set on making her way to the ultimate swimming competition. "Ever since I started swimming, I want to be at the top of things," explained Rossi, who has just started the college recruiting process and is leaning toward heading to one of the sports' southern powers. "I want to go to the Olympics, I really do. It's a goal, it's high up there. It might take a while but I've always wanted to do it."

With Rossi's talent and love of competition, there's no telling how far she can go.

—Bill Alden

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## Reign Ends for PHS Boys' Swimmers But Veterans Race Hard to the End

Having won three straight Mercer County Swimming team titles, the Princeton High boys' team knew a fourth title wasn't in the cards.

With losses in dual-meets earlier this season to Lawrence High and WW/P-S, it appeared that PHS didn't have the depth to compete for the team crown.

While recent form held last Saturday as PHS finished third behind champion Lawrence and WW/P-S, the Little Tigers' band of seniors made their last county meet something to remember.

Versatile senior star Pete Hand won the 100-meter breaststroke and took second in the 200 individual medley while classmate Tom McKinley placed fifth in the 50 free.

In addition, the team's core of seniors, which includes Matt Millar and Zach Juffe, helped the Little Tigers to second place finishes in both the 200 medley relay and the 200 free relay together with a third place finish in the 400 free relay.

PHS coach Greg Hand took pride in how his veterans per-

formed as the program's meet. Jimmy Newcombe qualified 13th and 14th in two events and dropped a total of eight seconds."

With the state Public B tournament coming up later this month, Hand is confident that his core of seniors will spark the team to battle to the end.

"I think the guys are starting to take seriously the idea that small adjustments can make all the difference," explained Hand. "We're training hard, no doubt, but we have to get better technically. I think the speed will be there but the other teams' speed will be there as well."

But as long as PHS' seniors perform with their customary heart, the team can be proud of itself no matter how far it goes in the state tournament.

—Bill Alden

Hand was particularly proud of how his son, Pete, raced in his final county meet. "I feel very proud of him," said Hand. "I feel lucky to coach my own kids. I just try to support him and stay out of the way. He's got a lot of talent."

In Hand's view, the competitive fire shown by the seniors has rubbed on off on his team's younger talent.

"No doubt, you can see it in the performances of the younger guys," asserted Hand, whose freshman star, Ben Wilde, took fifth in the 100 free.

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**MOVING ON:** Princeton Day School senior star Will Denise, right, flies in on goal in a recent game. Last Monday, Denise had an assist as PDS blanked Montclair-Kimberley 4-0 in the state Prep semifinals to earn a shot at its eighth straight prep title. PDS, now 12-4-2, hosts Morristown-Beard on February 16 in the state Prep championship game. The Panthers will tune up for the final by hosting Malvern Prep on February 9 and St. Joe's Metuchen on February 11 before playing at Seton Hall Prep on February 14.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

## Defense Helps PDS Boys' Ice Hockey Earn Shot at 8th Straight Prep Title

Charlie Bird didn't see a lot of ice time in his first three years with the Princeton Day School boys' ice hockey team.

With the Panthers undermanned this season and suffering some injuries, Bird has gotten his chance to break into the starting line-up.

The senior defenseman has responded to the opportunity by developing into a key cog for the Panthers' stingy defense.

Last Monday, Bird and his teammates were at their stifling best as PDS blanked Montclair-Kimberley 4-0 in the state Prep semifinals to earn a shot at its eighth straight prep title.

As he reflected on the Panthers' win, Bird made it clear that he is savoring his increased responsibility. "This has been a big year for me," said the curly-headed Bird with a smile. "I've put a lot of emphasis on stepping up. I've put a lot of effort into focusing on the task at hand. I feel more comfortable on the ice which you can only hope to achieve after playing a few years."

The Panthers certainly feel comfortable when it comes to advancing in the state Prep tourney. "We're not the strongest, the tallest, or fastest guys," asserted Bird, whose efforts helped hold Montclair-Kimberley to a measly eight shots last Monday. "Somehow we always end up pulling together and getting the job done."

In Bird's view, this year's team has developed a special bond as it has fought to overcome the obstacles in its way and has posted a 12-4-2 record.

"The tournament we went to in Boston and the games we played in Maryland helped us come together on and off the ice," said Bird. "We've done some pretty fun things and it has helped the underclassmen to come together too."

PDS head coach Chris Barless likes the way his team has come together. "I think the guys are jelling, at practice, in film sessions," said Barless, who got goals in the which you can only hope to win last Monday from Eric Czapka, Derek Mayer, Brett DePace, and Justin Mimmo.

"Everything at this time of year should be paying off. These kids deserve so much credit."

Barless credits the efforts of Bird and his fellow defenders with helping to put PDS back in the title game. "Surprisingly, our defense has been doing a nice job," said Barless, noting that two of his defensemen, Bird and Fred Mitnacht, had little or no previous varsity experience, while two others, Mimmo and DePace, are converted forwards.

"The goaltender [Jared Tepner] has been doing a nice job. Our team defense has been doing a nice job. We've had six or seven shutouts which is just amazing."

For Barless, advancing to the prep championship game never gets old. "This is something we want to win," declared Barless. "We take pride in winning it. We still have a lot of things left to do. We'd like to win preps, we'd like to win our tournament, and we'd like to knock one or two of the top teams in the state."

With PDS hosting Morristown-Beard in the title game on February 16, Barless knows his team has its work cut out. "For a few years, we had it easy," acknowledged Barless, whose club will tune up for the final by hosting Malvern Prep on February 9 and St. Joe's Metuchen on February 11 before playing at Seton Hall Prep on February 14. "The last five or six years, we've really had to work for it. Morristown-Beard is a very strong team and we're going to have to earn it."

Bird, for his part, is primed to close out his PDS career with another championship. "It means a lot," said Bird, referring to the title shot. "After this season, I don't know if I'm going to be playing hockey again. We just want to keep doing what we can do."

If PDS could achieve its eighth straight title, it would make Bird's time on the ice this winter that much more special.

—Bill Alden

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If you have visited a doctor's office, hospital or pharmacy in the past two years, you will have noticed new procedures taken to protect information pertaining to other patients, including covering the names on sign-in lists, distributing informational brochures, and requiring patients to sign various acknowledgements and releases. This flurry of activity is the result of a new federal law known as The Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA). HIPAA has two purposes: 1) prevention of insurance loss, due to pre-existing medical conditions, when changing jobs; and 2) streamlining and improving the electronic transmission of health care claims. It is believed that streamlining and standardizing the transmission of health care insurance billing will save millions of dollars each year. Violations of HIPAA are costly including fines of \$250,000 per offense and incarceration. This is serious business.

HIPAA should not deter patients from obtaining copies of their records. In fact, HIPAA requires health care providers to provide copies of the record upon the patient signing a proper release. Why obtain your medical record? First, your awareness of the fact that millions of mistakes occur each year in medical setting should compel you to assume some responsibility for medical decisions. It is important

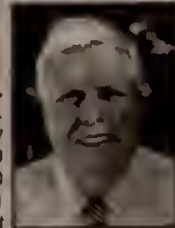
to be fully informed so that you can participate in decisions that affect your health and survival. It is unfair and naive to place all of this responsibility on the shoulders of the doctor or hospital. Second, vigilance over medical records can help reduce excessive or erroneous billing of insurance companies, Medicare or Medicaid.

It should surprise no one that some confidential medical records are improperly released. A recent New Jersey case highlighted an important aspect of patient empowerment regarding privacy and medical records. The facts of this case involve a divorcing couple where the husband's attorney used a subpoena to obtain the wife's confidential medical records. The doctor complied with the subpoena and released his patient's confidential records to her husband. This turn of events did not please the wife who instituted suit against the doctor for negligence. Interestingly, she also sued the husband's attorney for attempting to obtain her records with a defective subpoena. This element of the lawsuit was brought to the Appellate Court in Trenton which ruled that the wife indeed had the right to sue the attorney in addition to the doctor. This case provides a very useful tool to the patient who is motivated to protect the privacy of their medical records.

The foregoing case also illustrates how medical records, particularly those involving mental health, drug and alcohol usage, and HIV, can be used to intimidate litigants who would be embarrassed by the release of such personal information. HIPAA does nothing to enable such improper releases. In addition, various New Jersey laws and regulations take precedence over HIPAA because they are even more protective of patient's privacy. In order to access these confidential records, an adverse party can be forced to show that the information in the record is relevant to the case and cannot be obtained in any less intrusive manner. Even when these criteria are satisfied, a court can edit the record and/or issue a protective order to limit how the confidential information may be used.

The next article in this series will discuss tort reform.

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## PDS Boys' Basketball Struggling But Aims to Make Noise in Prep B

It's been a rocky ride so far this winter for the Princeton Day School boys' basketball team.

The Panthers have struggled to a 6-14 mark as they have adjusted to the loss to graduation of four senior starters who carried them to the state Prep B championship game last season.

Midway through the season, head coach Ahmed El-Nokali determined that the team wasn't suited for a deliberate, half-court style of play and adopted an up-tempo approach.

As the team was getting used to that new style, PDS was hit with injury woes as starters Andrew Davidson and

Clint O'Brien went down with season-ending hand injuries.

In reflecting on his team's recent play, El-Nokali acknowledged that his club has hit a lull. "We're in a kind of a rut," said El-Nokali. "The teams we have been playing recently are good and we are thin."

In El-Nokali's view, the formula for getting back on track is simple. "I think we have to sharpen our fundamentals and get back to basics," asserted El-Nokali, a former star point guard for Princeton University. "We need to stop turning the ball over and we need to take better shots."

Losing has taken its toll on the players and their coach. "I

think they are discouraged, it is difficult to lose," said El-Nokali in gauging the mood of his players. "I've never had a losing season on any level so it's a new experience for me."

Dealing with injuries, though, has given some reserves the opportunity to pick up some valuable experience. "I told the guys on the bench, everybody gets a chance," added El-Nokali, whose club lost 63-43 last Saturday to WW/P-N to fall to 6-14. "You have to stay prepared."

One Panther who has clearly taken those words to heart is senior Jim Butler. "He rebounds the ball and he

shoots the ball well," said El-Nokali of Butler, who has broken into double figures on occasion after getting more playing time. "He's an experienced player, he knows what to do on the court."

With the state Prep B tourney starting this week, all is not lost for PDS. "We set out the season with one goal — to win the state Prep B tournament," said El-Nokali, whose club hosts Wardlaw-Hartridge in an Prep outbracket game on February 9 with the winner advancing to a quarterfinal match-up at Rutgers Prep on February 12. "While things haven't gone our way, the goal is still out there."

The ever-competitive El-Nokali believes that goal is attainable. "It may seem crazy but I think we can make some noise in the state tournament," asserted El-Nokali, whose team will later play in the Mercer County Tournament, starting that competition with a game at Steinert on February 14. "The teams are kind of level, there is no dominant team. It's going to take a great effort on our part."

If the Panthers can put together such an effort, they could produce a smooth end to a hard winter.

—Bill Alden



**BAD BOUNCES:** Princeton Day School senior guard Pierre Hoppenot tries to elude a defender in a recent game. Hit with graduation losses and injuries, PDS has struggled to a 6-14 mark. The Panthers, the Prep B runners-up last season, start state tournament play on February 9 when they host Wardlaw-Hartridge in an outbracket game. The winner will advance to a quarterfinal match-up at Rutgers Prep on February 12. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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according to the numbers, it was one of the biggest upsets in league history. Miami's win marked the first time ever that one team defeated another that had 10 more victories. At the time, the Patriots were 12-1 and the Dolphins were 2-11.

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## PHS

**Track:** The PHS boys' team came up big at the Mercer County Championship meet held last Sunday at Widener College. The Little Tigers placed second in the team standings with 41 points, trailing only WW/P-N which scored 52.33 points. Individual standouts for PHS included Louis Abramson, who won the 800-meter run, Ryan Trupin, the winner in the high jump, and Robbie Begin, who took second in the 55-meter dash and fourth in the 400. The PHS girls finished 12th in the meet as Libby Bliss took fifth in the 400.

**Boys' Basketball:** Casey Huckel had a team-high 12 points but it wasn't enough as PHS fell 71-57 to Allentown last Friday. PHS, which dropped to 3-14 with the loss, plays at Highland Park on February 10 before starting play in the Mercer County Tournament.

**Girls' Ice Hockey:** Vicki Chen, Rebecca Katz, and Dee Dee Mahon each scored goals as PHS topped Summit 3-1 last Sunday. The Little Tigers, now 8-3-1, play Pingry on February 10 at the Bridgewater Arena before hosting Princeton Day School on February 14 at Baker Rink.

**Wrestling:** PHS wrestlers produced a fine performance last weekend at the Mercer County Tournament held at Trenton High. The Little Tigers placed sixth of 12 schools in the team standings. Individual stars for PHS included Tom Frantzen, the champion at 160 pounds, Will Borchert, the second place finisher at 189, Mark Jeevaratnam, the third-place finisher at 145, and Dale Owseini, who took third at 215.

## PDS

**Girls' Basketball:** Despite a big performance from freshman point guard Hannah Epstein, PDS fell 53-49 to Timothy Christian last Monday. Epstein poured in 14 points while Keely Langdon added 11 as the Panthers dropped to 2-18 on the sea-



**SHOULDERING THE LOAD:** Hun School goalie Ben Wirjosemito slumps down to ready himself to stop a shot in a game earlier this season. Last Monday, Wirjosemito recorded 27 saves but it wasn't enough as Hun fell 4-1 to Morristown-Beard in a state Prep semifinal matchup. The defeat was the third in a row for Hun which fell to 9-6-2 on the season. The Raiders will look to get back on the right track when they host Montgomery on February 9 and Holy Ghost on February 11.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

son. The Panthers host Friends Central on February 9 in their season finale.

**Girls' Ice Hockey:** Meg Kerwin scored two goals but it wasn't enough as PDS dropped a 3-2 decision to Portledge last Wednesday. Senior goalie Kristina Costa had 31 saves as the Panthers fell to 8-10 on the season. PDS faces Morristown-Beard on February 9 in the state Prep semifinals before hosting Wyoming Seminary on February 11 and then playing Princeton High on February 14 at Baker Rink.

## LAWRENCEVILLE

**Boys' Basketball:** A balanced attack helped Lawrenceville rout Holy Cross 76-43 last Monday. Nathan Hawkins and Craig Moore each scored 15 points with Jonathan Dixon adding 14 and Porter Braswell chipping in 13. The Big Red, now 11-9, play at Blair on February 12 in the state Prep A tournament

before playing Cranford on February 13 in the Prime Time Shoot Out at the Sovereign Bank Arena

**Girls' Ice Hockey:** The Big Red blanked St. Paul's 3-0 last Sunday at Chelsea Piers in New York City to improve to 12-7-1. Lawrenceville hosts Pingry on February 9 in a state Prep semifinal matchup.

## HUN

**Boys' Basketball:** Paced by a balanced attack, Hun downed Hill 74-62 last Saturday. Charlie Fritsch led the way for the Raiders as he scored 17 with Idris Hilliard and Myron Rolle both chipping in 16. Hun, now 14-6, plays St. Augustine on February 11 in the Prime Time Shoot Out at the Sovereign Bank Arena before playing Peddie School on February 16 in the semifinals of the state Prep A tournament.



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**Swimming:** Hun swimmers produced some fine performances as they competed in the Mercer County Swimming Championships last Saturday at Lawrence High. Andrew Philhower took second in the 50-meter freestyle and fourth in the 100 butterfly. The Raider boys took fifth in the 200 free relay. The Raiders compete in the boys' state Prep championship meet on February 8 and in the girls' state Prep championship meet on February 9. Both meets will be held at the Lawrenceville School.

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## STUART

**Basketball:** Kathryn Kitts had another big day as Stuart topped Lakewood Prep 56-45 last Thursday. Kitts poured in 23 points while Caitlin Spratt chipped in 12 and Kelly Bruvik added 11 as the Tartans improved to 9-11. Stuart begins play in the state Prep B tournament this week in addition to hosting Princeton High on February 10.

**Ice Hockey:** Stuart fell 7-0 to Pingry last week to get eliminated from the state Prep tournament. The Tartans play at Hill on February 12.

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**FAB FOUR:** Princeton Amateur Wrestling Association (PAWS) stars, from left, Raamiah Bethea, Ian Snyder, Canaan Bethea, and Maaziah Bethea, bask in the glow of qualifying for the state youth wrestling championships to be held on March 23 in Union. In upcoming action, PAWS will host the annual Tiger Classic Wrestling Match on February 12 at Princeton University's Dillon Gym. The PAWS will face the Central Bucks All Stars at 10 a.m. in the first round of the Tiger Classic.

## LOCAL SPORTS

### Princeton Little League Holding Registration

The Princeton Little League is now holding registration for the spring 2005 season.

Princeton residents may register via the web at [www.princetonlittleleague.com](http://www.princetonlittleleague.com). Those interested can also register in person on February 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Princeton Township Municipal Building.

New and experienced players registering for the B Minor, A Minor, and Major Leagues, must attend mandatory tryouts at the Hun School gym on March 5-6. Opening day is scheduled for April 2. For more details, log onto the league's website.

### Princeton Youth Softball Registration Underway

The Princeton Girls' Softball Association (PGSA) is currently accepting registrations for the upcoming 2005 season.

The PGSA offers a T-Ball Division for kindergartners, a Rookie Division for girls in

Grades 1-2, a Minor Division for girls in Grades 3-4 and a Major Division for those in Grades 5-6.

Practices are scheduled to start in the first week of April with the games starting in mid-April and running to Memorial Day. Free clinics are tentatively scheduled for Monday and Wednesday evenings in March at the Princeton High gym.

For registration forms and additional information, log onto the league's website at [www.Princetonsoftball.net](http://www.Princetonsoftball.net).

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### YMCA Girls' Lacrosse Forming Spring Teams

The Princeton Family YMCA is currently organizing girls' lacrosse teams for the upcoming spring season.

The program is open to girls in grades 3-8 and will be coached by Meredith Elwell, a former member of the University of Virginia women's lacrosse team.

Team practices start in March with games scheduled for weekends and weekdays beginning in April. Participants are required to provide their own equipment, including cleats, stick, mouthpiece, and protective eye-wear. The YMCA will provide the uniforms.

All registrations must be completed in the membership office of the YMCA facility at Paul Robeson Place. For more information, call 609-497-9622.

### Princeton Travel Hoops Recent Results

The Princeton Recreation Department's Under-12 boys' travel basketball team defeated West Windsor 49-36 in Central Jersey League action. Kevin Gary led all scorers with 20 points including two three-point baskets. Princeton improved to 5-2 with the victory.

The Princeton U-13 boys' team defeated Lawrence 46-14 behind 14 points and 11 rebounds from Jay Dwyer.

The Princeton U-12 girls' Orange team dropped a 28-20 decision to West Windsor in Central Jersey League action. Katharine Schade netted six points to lead Princeton while Katie Reilly added five.

In other action, the Princeton Under-12 girls-Black team split a pair of games over the weekend. Princeton defeated Montgomery 24-17 in the Flemington League as Talya Nakash snatched 17 rebounds for Princeton while Janie Smukler led the team with 11 points. Princeton finished the regular season tied for fourth place in league play. Playoffs begin on February 13. Princeton, however, dropped a 30-17 decision to Rutgers in

Trenton PAL action. Neta Nakash led the team with five points.

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**PATRIOT GAMES:** The Princeton Soccer Association (PSA) Under-10 boys team, the Princeton Patriots, are all smiles after beating Tewksbury S-3 in overtime to win the NJ State Futsal (Indoor Soccer) championships held at Rutgers. Pictured, from left, are Cal Graziano, David Crane, Patrick Smith, Jared Golestani, Eric Hanaman, Zachary Halliday, Peter Schulman, Jeremy Goldsmith, and Kevin Halliday.

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# OBITUARIES

## Albert S. Toto Sr.

Albert S. Toto Sr., 91, of Princeton, died February 3 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Princeton and a lifelong area resident, he was the owner and operator of Toto's Market of Princeton, which was established in 1912 by his father and mother. Three generations of the Toto family worked together at the store; Mr. Toto retired from the family business in 1987.

He attended Princeton public schools and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific.

He was one of the five founding members of the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad. A member for 31 years, he served as president and treasurer.

He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 76 of Princeton, B.P.O.E. No. 2129 of Princeton, and Princeton Italian American Sportsman Club. He was also an avid golfer.

A parishioner of St. Paul's Church, he was a past president and treasurer of Golden Agers, and a former member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 636.

Son of the late Flory and Lucy D'Andrea Toto Sr., he is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ida DiGuesepantonio Toto; a daughter, Lucille Rosendorf of Princeton Junction; a son, Albert S. Jr. of Pennington; a sister, Pearl Tamasi of Princeton; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was February 7 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Paul's Church.

Burial was in the family plot in Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 529, Princeton 08540; or to St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street, Princeton 08540; or to Health Care Ministry of St. Paul's Inc., P.O. Box 1517, Princeton 08542.

## John E. Blackton Jr.

John Edward Blackton Jr., of Ewing, died February 2 at St. Francis Medical Center.

He retired after many years of service as a manager and buyer for Center Stationers in the Princeton Shopping Center.

Born in Pottsville, Pa., he had lived in the Ewing area for the past 50 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in Normandy, France, Germany, and Central Europe. His decorations included the Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with three Bronze Stars.

He was a member of the Holy Name Society of Incarnation Church, where he bowled with the Holy Name League. He was also secretary/treasurer of the Sherbrook Bowling League for many years, and a member of the American Legion Post 314.

Son of the late John Edward and Mary Bluff Blackton Sr. and brother of the late Dorothy Cassar, he is survived by his wife of 59 years, Georgean Oswald Blackton of Ewing; a daughter, Donna Hill of Ewing Township; a son, Raymond of Stockton; a brother, Robert of Boyertown, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was February 5 at the M. William Murphy Funeral Home in Ewing. Burial was in Princeton Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter, 12 Roszel Road, Suite C201, Princeton 08540.

## Erica H. Weeder

Erica Hamilton Weeder, 64, of Princeton and Lawrenceville, died suddenly at home on January 30.

Born in Boston, she was a lifelong resident of the Princeton area, attending Princeton High School and graduating from Wellesley College in 1962. She later earned a master's degree in anthropology from Rutgers University.

A lifelong volunteer, she lent her writing talent and organizational skills to several environmental and educational concerns. From 1988 to 1998, she was Curator of Education at the Japan Society in New York City, and later did development work at the Princeton University Alumni Council. Most recently, she was a member of the board of directors of Inform, Inc., a New York City-based non-profit environmental research organization, co-chairing its development committee. She also served as president of the Wellesley Club of Central New Jersey and wrote grants for the Trenton Community Music School.

The daughter of the late Donald Ross Hamilton of Princeton, she is survived by her husband, Philip McDoo of Lawrenceville; her mother, Eileen Hamilton Wigner of Princeton; a brother, David Hamilton of Flemington; a sister, Eleanor Hamilton Sienkiewicz of Washington, D.C.; two daughters, Megan A. Weeder of New York City and Erica C. Weeder of Chicago; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was private. Friends and family will gather to celebrate her life at Prospect House, Princeton University, at 2 p.m. on February 19.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Donald Ross Hamilton Lecture Fund, c/o Physics Department, Princeton University, P.O. Box 708, Princeton 08544; or The Scholarship Fund of the Wellesley Club of Central New Jersey, c/o Susan Lohin, Director of Clubs, Wellesley College Alumnae Association, 106 Central Street, Wellesley, Mass. 02481.

## Marguerite P. Burger

Marguerite P. Burger, 92, of Princeton, died February 1 at Acorn Glen Assisted Living Facility.

Born in Trenton, she worked for Public Service after graduating from business school. She later became a resident of Princeton for more than 60 years.

She started her own business, Burwick's Secretarial

Services, which was located on Nassau Street for many years. After retiring, she did volunteer work as a paralegal, reading for the blind, and at Princeton Medical Center. She also served on the hospital's fund-raising committee. She was 80 when she decided to stay home full time.

She was predeceased by her husband, Henry A. Burger; five sisters, Marie Jammer, Anna Pearl, Betty Repak, Agnes Petersen, and Virginia Kerwick; and a brother, Edward Vrabel. She is survived by a sister, Emily Moran of Brooklyn, N.Y.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on February 7 at St. Paul's Church. Interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Princeton Hospice, 208 Bunn Drive, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements were by The Kimble Funeral Home.

## Norman F. Servis

Norman F. Servis, 76, of Princeton, died February 3 at home.

A graduate of the Princeton Schools and the Police Academy at Sea Girt, he joined the

## RIGMOR "MOSSIK" SHELDRIK

Rigmor Sheldrick, 87, known to all as "Mossik," died on February 5 in the home of her daughter Randi Scott in Princeton with the help of Princeton Hospice. Mossik, a resident of Princeton for 35 years, had lived at Pennswood Village in Newtown, Pa., for the past seven years.

Born in Kristiansand, Norway, Mossik emigrated to the U.S. in 1937. She married Robert Burlingham, Jr., an architect and city planner, in 1938. Together they had five children. She was remarried to Malcolm B. Sheldrick, head of a New York securities firm, in 1966.

Mossik studied library science at the University of London and later served as librarian at the Hampstead Child Therapy Course and Clinic, founded by Anna Freud and Dorothy T. Burlingham, her mother-in-law, in 1947.

In the late '60s and early '70s, she worked at Princeton's University's Firestone Library, where she assembled a collection of right-wing literature, even though she was a life-long, ardent Democrat.

Mossik is survived by her five children, Christine Burlingham of Warren, Conn.; Randi Scott of Princeton, N.J.; Lynn Burlingham of Lawrence, Kans.; Stephen Burlingham of Princeton, N.J.; and Michael Burlingham of Irvington, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Annelise Kennan, of Princeton, N.J.; and a brother, Per Svein Sorensen, of Kristiansand, Norway.

Each summer, Mossik returned to her cabin on the southern coast of Norway to enjoy the land of her birth.

A memorial service is planned for May. Contributions to Princeton Hospice (208 Bunn Drive, Princeton, N.J. 08540), or the Democratic National Committee (430 S. Capitol Street S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003), would be appreciated.

Princeton Township Police Department in 1955 and in 1962 was appointed a Detective Lieutenant, retiring in 1985.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Navy.

He was a member of American Legion Post No. 76 of Princeton for 58 years, an exempt member of Engine Company No. 1 of the Princeton Fire Department for 45 years, a member of P.B.A. Local No. 130 of Princeton, and a charter member of the Myrtle Beach Club and the Hopewell Golf Group.

He enjoyed traveling, having visited 49 states.

Predeceased by his son Norman Servis, he is survived by his wife, Lee Nestor, and her son Thomas; his former wife, Dorothy Servis; a daughter, Sheila Servis of Princeton; a brother, Thomas of Millville; and one grandson.

The funeral was February 8 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, with the Rev. Richard S. Kauffman officiating.

Burial was private in Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Hospice Program at The University Medical Center at Princeton, 204 Bunn Drive, Princeton 08540.

## Elizabeth C. Siren

Elizabeth C. Siren, 94, of Princeton, died January 22 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she had been a resident of Princeton for the past 20 years. She was an active member of St. Paul's Church Golden Agers.

Wife of the late Joseph K. Siren Jr., she is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth B. Siren of Princeton; and a sister, Bobbie Butz of Maryland.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 25 at St. Paul's Church. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 529, Princeton 08542.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Kimble Funeral Home.

## Bulletin Notes

**All Saints' Church**, at 16 All Saints' Road, will hold a program of Evensong for Lent this Sunday, February 13 at 4 p.m. The Youth Choir will lead Evensong with the music of Maurice Greene and George Dyson.

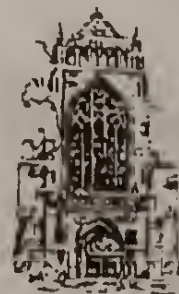
The All Saint's Youth Choir is one and a half years old. It is affiliated with the international organization The Royal School of Church Music, organized to help churches provide a quality music education in the context of worship. Diane D. Caruso, organist, serves as the Youth Choir Director.

The **Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church**, 170 Witherspoon Street, will hold its annual Women's Day service on Sunday, February 20 at 11 a.m. The speaker will be evangelist Carolyn Jenkins-Pineda.

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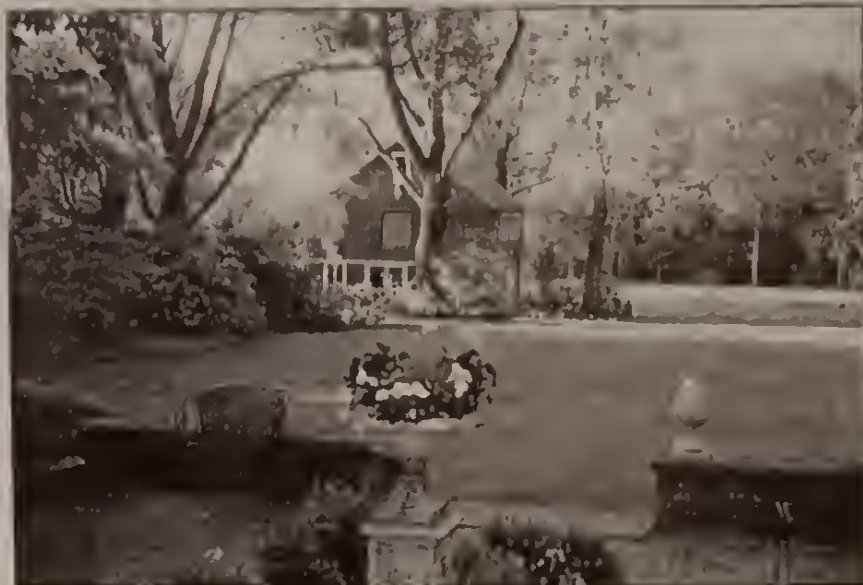
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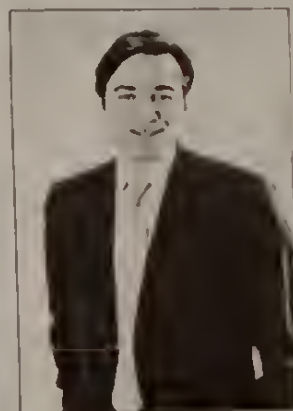
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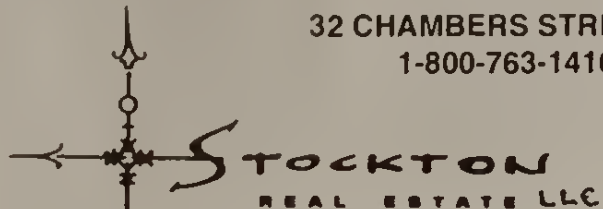
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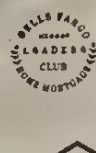
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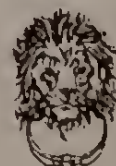
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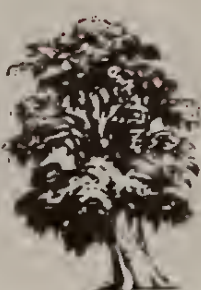
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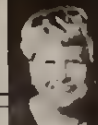
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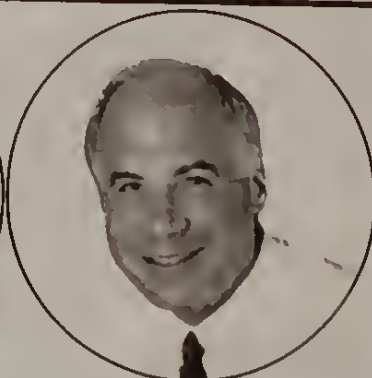
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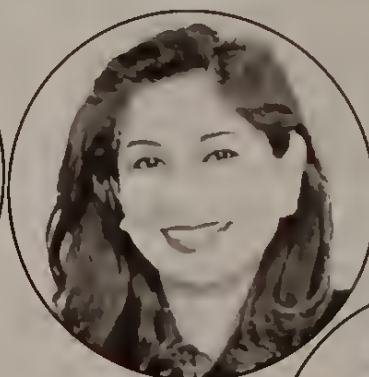
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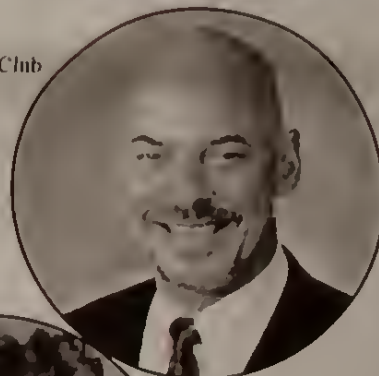
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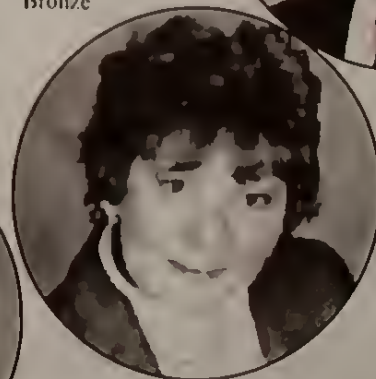
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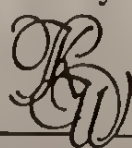


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Date: February 9, 2005

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd of February, 2005, at 7:30 P.M., Main Meeting Room, 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, New Jersey, the Zoning Board of Adjustment of Said Township will hold a hearing on the application of the undersigned, at which time and place all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Location of premises: 20 Haslet Avenue, Princeton, NJ 08540, Block 10603, Lot 7

**Nature of Application:** The undersigned has filed an application for development with the Zoning Board of Adjustment of The Township of Princeton so as to permit construction of a garage on the left side of the property and the addition of a second story bathroom addition on the right side of the property. In this regard they seek minimum side yard setback relief for both the left and right sides as well as left and right-side setback: height ratio relief, and any other additional variances the Board may deem necessary.

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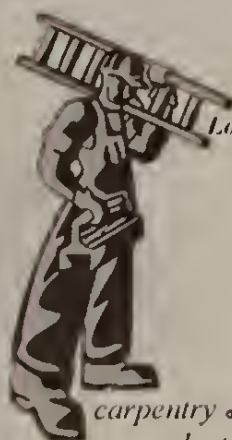


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**LOGAN'S RUN:** Looking like anything but an unlucky number 13, runner Logan Leppo shows how it's done at National Girls and Women in Sports Day at Jadwin Gym last Saturday.

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A complete architectural re-design by Max Hayden brings a distinctive presence to this handsome home, allowing it to command its lake-side setting and celebrate its scenic views from every room. A circular drive highlights the symmetry of the entry, with blue stone patios and their pergolas framing the front door. The entry, a two-story gallery with cove lighting and clerestory windows opens to the living room offering a marble fireplace and windowed box bay dining area boasting the lake view. The stunning kitchen features a granite center island with breakfast bar and light cherry wood cabinetry; a breakfast area with slate surround fireplace. A hallway leads to the master suite, with bedroom with barrel ceiling and cove lighting and well-appointed master bath with limestone floor. There is an additional pleasant bedroom and bath. A hallway door opens to a raised deck with steps to the lawn sweeping to the water's edge. On the lower level, a broad hallway, with slate floor opens to a covered patio and hot tub. The spacious family room has a grand raised hearth slate fireplace and doors to the patio. A study, with deep-silled picture window, adjoins an exercise room also opening to the outside. A secluded bedroom opening to the compartmentalized hall bath completes this level. An exceptional Princeton home, a picturesque Lake Carnegie setting.

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# How to Keep Calm and Composed During the Wedding Preparations

It's almost an oxymoron! How can anyone possibly be calm, cool, and collected preparing for a wedding? This is a Very Big Step. A nervous outbreak here and there is hardly surprising.

On the other hand, there are ways to keep stress at bay or at least at a manageable level.

First, take charge. This is your wedding, and it is important that it reflect your wishes. Definitely — please yourself!

Oh, you say, 'easier said than done.' Perhaps. But being firm up front will avoid problems later. A few hurt feelings in the beginning will usually fade as the big event approaches.

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very happily married woman. She always enjoys sharing her wedding history and how she insured civility, kindness, and calm by carrying a big stick!

"When Hal and I announced to our parents that we were tying the knot, we told them that we hoped there would be minimum stress and little dissension. My brother had been married earlier that year, and there were many, many wedding-related problems between the 'happy' couple and the bride's parents, between the bride-to-be and groom-to-be.

### Ground Rules

"Hal and I laid down the ground rules: no in-fighting. Should there be too much stress and disagreement, we'd

fly off to Las Vegas and get married there (instead of the church wedding and reception at my parents' home which we hoped would take place).

"Because of our 'threat', everything went beautifully and smoothly in the pre-wedding months. My very assertive mother was actually saying things like, 'Now, if you don't like this idea, please let me know up front,' and 'I have a good idea, but want to bounce it off you and Hal for your approval; now just speak up if you don't like it, and I'll forget about it!!!!'



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the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner, diverting flights, closing major highways, etc.) was a 'bit' stressful. But we just decided to laugh at it all and hope that someone showed up for the 'unrehearsed' church ceremony. (Perhaps I shouldn't mention that vast amounts of alcohol consumed by the bride, groom, wedding party, and a few early guests at the Irish pub the night before the wedding helped enormously!)

"As it turned out, on the day of the wedding, the weather was beautiful — a true winter wonderland — and all but one couple was able to come. The

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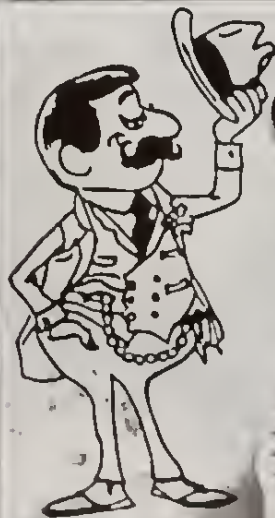
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priest led us through the ceremony and vows, and a good time was had by all."

### Big Deal

During her wedding preparations, another friend kept a big sign near her phone, which read: "What's the big deal?" Should potential stress-causing problems arise, she would look at the sign and repeat its message (either mentally or to the caller!). She said she had to keep reminding herself that this was a wedding, not the Presidential Inauguration or the Academy Awards ceremony.

"That sign kept everything in perspective for me, and I didn't make a big deal out of minor things. In other words, stop worrying!"

At the opposite end of the spectrum, another bride worried about everything, including demanding guests.

"This relative of the groom not only insisted she bring her 3-year-old son (who is prone to screaming at social occasions) to the wedding and reception, but wanted the child in the wedding party! It gave me migraines!"

Again — if at all possible, don't ask for trouble, head it off at the pass! You can't please everyone, so please yourself. It's your day, not the screamer's or his parents' day.

Another method of avoiding stress, which is becoming increasingly popular, is hiring a wedding consultant. Such a move takes much of the burden off your shoulders and allows you time to enjoy the anticipation leading to the event.

### Stress-Reliever

"It's a huge stress-reliever for the bride," says wedding consultant Mary Harrison, owner of the Euphorbia shop in Lawrenceville.

"I met with a woman last week to discuss her wedding plans, and she said, 'I don't know how anyone can do this without you!'"

Ms. Harrison is able to relieve people of the myriad of details and decision-making that can cause headaches big-time. She handles all the arrangements, from florists and food to photographers and entertainment.

"I also tell people to stay away from a lot of 'do-it-yourself' activities. Doing your own flowers (heading out to a field to cut wild flowers!), making favors and programs can be so stressful, unless you have lots of free time. If you have two months to play with, that's different. But if these



CLASSIC ELEGANCE: Janet Lanza photographed the bride during a moment of reflection.

become last minute things, they can create a lot of stress.

"I do recommend delegating certain things to close family members, so they can feel a part of the event. They can do place cards or address invitations if they have good handwriting.

"Also, I advise not having anyone stay with you at your house. No house guests. It just adds a layer of difficulty. They may want to help, but it often

leads to socializing and having to entertain them."

Ms. Harrison also recommends that any problems between the families of the bride and groom be ironed out ahead of time.

"It's best to be open and honest and resolve them before hand. You don't want people angry and upset the day of the wedding."

Organization is key, she adds. She provides an exten-

sive guideline for the bride throughout the preparations, and a complete time-line, starting from the rehearsal dinner, until the last guests leave the reception. This entails putting together an hour-by-hour schedule of what the bride should be doing, including time for breakfast and lunch.

"Sometimes, brides forget to

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eat, and have been known to faint at the wedding!"

Ms. Harrison is usually involved with the event planning from the time the date is set, which she prefers, since it offers continuity and a chance to know the people and their likes and dislikes.

On the other hand, she notes that there is a trend toward hiring a consultant just for the day of the wedding or for the month before.

In addition to wedding consultants, all kinds of organizational guidelines are available in various brides' magazines and on the internet. The key is to allow enough time and not become frantic as the date nears.

This also applies in areas such as personal care, including make-up, skin care, and hair styling. If the bride is contemplating a new hair style or make up, she should plan ahead, report the hair, skin and make-up gurus.

#### Trial Make-up

Make-up artist Christina Alizzo, who works her magic on individual clients, as well as for establishments, such as Rouge and other stores, says allowing enough time is crucial.

"I always recommend that a bride have a trial make-up a couple of months ahead of the wedding. That way, if she is allergic to anything, we'll have time to find alternatives, and also to determine which look she wants and what is best for her. You don't want to be adjusting things the day of the wedding.

"Most brides today want a natural look," adds Ms. Alizzo.

"If she wants something very dramatic, I'll do it, but most want a nice soft look, with a little bit of color. It all must come together and make sense at the end."

She will also provide make-up for the bridesmaids and mothers-of-the-bride and groom the day of the wedding.

If disaster should befall a nervous bride in the form of facial blemishes, Ms. Alizzo reports that she can conceal and camouflage. Remedies are at hand.

"Over all," she adds, "try to be as healthy as possible. Drink lots of water, get exercise and enough sleep."

#### Good Advice

Good advice, agrees Elle Bard, manager of Mon Visage Day Spa.

"It is also a good idea for the bride to come for skin care for at least six months before to get her skin in tip-top condition. If there should be any problems with break-outs, then the aesthetician has ways to help. It is definitely best to avoid last minute decisions."

Ms. Bard also emphasizes the importance of relaxation during this time.

"When my son was getting married, I brought him and my daughter-in-law to-be here three days before the wedding. They both had a massage, and she also had a facial, manicure, pedicure and lunch.

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The bride's hair style is never more important than

the day of the wedding, and again, exploring new hair styles well ahead of the event will make for a more relaxed bride.

"I always recommend that a bride have a trial hair session well ahead, especially if she is considering a different look," says stylist Amber Augustyn, partner at Cosmo Bleu salon on Nassau Street.

"Three months before is good, particularly if she wants to experiment with different looks. Sometimes, in the past, brides liked a more elaborate look, but now they mostly opt for their normal style but with more flair.

"The point is always to allow enough time. You can also reserve the salon for the bride and bridal party for hair-

styling and make-up, and we will provide a brunch with croissants and coffee. It's almost like being home, but with the addition of professional pampering."

### Wedding Jitters

Occasionally, notes Ms. Augustyn, brides have been known to lose varying amounts of hair due to pre-wedding jitters.

"Stress-related hair loss does happen, and we can take care of it. There are ways to cover it, including a hair piece, if necessary."

Relaxation is emphasized again and again by all the wedding experts, and whether it's deep breathing, yoga, meditation, a trip to the gym, running, biking, walking, or a lovely luxurious warm bath, it

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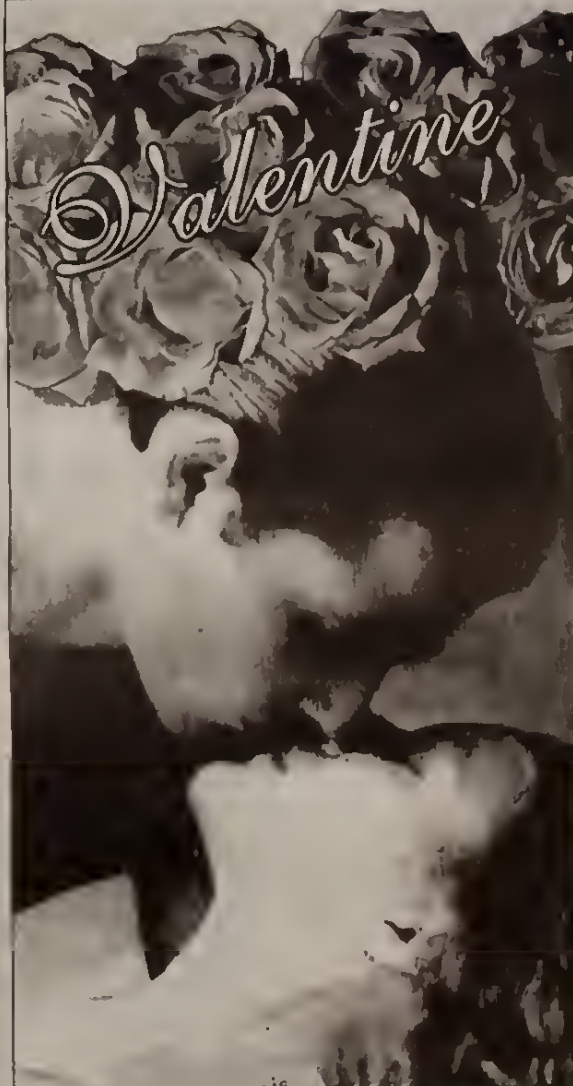
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## Three Local Women Explain Why Princeton Is Their 'Sacred Space'

**Sacred Spaces:** Princeton Parties, Gatherings, and Celebrations, is a newly-published book that details "the heart of Princeton," through photographs, stories, and recipes compiled by three Princeton women.

The idea for the book began when Debbie Tunnell, a Texas native who previously owned her own catering business in Princeton, decided she wanted to incorporate her recipes into a book with a Princeton theme. After partnering up with Dale Engelbert, a fellow elementary school parent who owns her own multimedia design company, Princeton Media Group, and Susan Szymanski, the owner of MoonlightDesign, the three decided to make it more of a "scrapbook of Princeton," detailing the history of the area, along with stories and photographs of people and places that characterize the town.

ed," said Ms. Szymanski.

Along with original recipes created by Ms. Tunnell and tested by professional recipe testers, the book is filled with colorful, seasonal photographs of Princeton, including Drumthwacket, a catered party at the home of local artist Fay Sclarra, and, as a last-minute touch, a two-page spread of photos of last fall's Writers Block.

It was Ms. Sclarra's painting, "Sacred Space," which inspired the book's name.

"We're sort of guardians for these places ... We really are responsible for keeping them preserved," said Ms. Tunnell, adding that through research and talking to different residents she was able to piece together several interesting hometown stories that fill the eight-chapter book.

Sacred Spaces follows a theme, in which its three authors chose different locations and Princeton personali-

ties to be part of their catered parties, which are photographed by Ricardo Barros, a local photographer.

With the help of Chef Ed Batejan and Ann Bartholomay of Annie B's Confections, as well as donations and services at little or no cost from area residents and businesses, the book turned out to be more than the women could have hoped for.

"It was really a blending of all of our talents," said Ms. Tunnell. "Within each venue we are able to show readers how to put a personal and creative stamp on a gathering of friends and associates."

The events include a personal gallery showing, an intimate Stradivarius concert, a shopkeeper's opening on Chambers Street, a backyard garden fete, and an elegant affair at the governor's mansion.

"Our goal was to capture the remarkable beauty of the Princeton area while also delving into the intricacies that develop behind-the-scenes when one plans a party within a special personal space," said Ms. Engelbert.

### Sacred Recipes

A total of 107 recipes can be found in Sacred Spaces, many of which were created by Ms. Tunnell, or have close ties to her friends and family. The recipes are all found in the back of the book, but indexed to the different parties where the food was served.

Stories are attached to several of the recipes, including Texas Chocolate Cake, Ms. Tunnell's mother's recipe which was so beloved by the author's elementary school in Texas, that the head of the school cafeteria took the recipe, titled it "Sheath Cake," and served it every Friday during school lunch.

But the stories that follow the lives of Princeton residents in each chapter are what really bring the book together, said Ms. Tunnell: "I'm really most excited about the stories ... I learned a lot by researching unusual locations."

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**A TABLE FOR TWENTY:** Special Occasions and Queen Street Linens custom-made a 108-inch sheer tablecloth for an event held at Digging Dog Farm in honor of Princeton resident Anne Reeves. Once part of the Lambert family estate, the 170-year-old barn has been the setting for numerous Princeton weddings and special events.

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**A TOUCH OF CLASS:** Pictured is the second-floor garage studio in the home of Princeton artist Fay Sciarra. Completed in the summer of 2000, it was designed by local architect Ron Berlin in collaboration with Ms. Sciarra, who wanted to echo the lines of the main house and create a cross between an attic and a church, adding a touch of class with bottles of champagne in a bathtub filled with ice. Pictured in the left background is Ms. Sciarra's painting, "Sacred Space," for which the book, "Sacred Spaces: Princeton Parties, Gatherings, and Celebrations," was named.

(Photo by Ricardo Barros)

### 'Sacred Spaces'

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Some of the the party events also benefitted non-profit organizations, such as the Children's Health and Environmental Coalition. One of the last parties hosted by the women turned into the first local fundraiser for a Breast Health Center at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Now, after seeing the finished product, the women said they feel the book touches on a lot of what Princeton is about, as well as helping explain their love for Princeton to friends and family.

"It got them to know a little piece of me better," said Ms. Engelbert of some of her European relatives. "Now they want to come visit."

After debuting their first ensemble book, the three said they may write a second on another town that is close to one of the book's authors: Austin, Texas.

But, added Ms. Engelbert, you can only truly capture the feeling behind a town or city by living there and experiencing it for yourself. Even then, she added, it's only the author's personal view of the area.

"You still only caption your own perspective ... but at least it's honest," she said.

All three of the book's authors will be present at a book signing on Sunday, February 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Go For Baroque, located at 20 Nassau Street.

Priced at \$65, the book is also available at the Princeton University Bookstore, The Winged Pig, Ashton Whyte, Chelsea Market Baskets in New York City, Barnes and Noble at Princeton Market Fair, as well as online, at [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com).

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Wine is very much a part of weddings today. It is the choice of many guests during the open bar at the beginning of the reception, and it is nearly always served with the dinner. Red, white, and cham-

pagne are usually included. Sometimes, champagne is available only for the traditional toast; at other receptions, it is offered throughout the event.

As Laurent Chapuis, proprietor of Corkscrew Wine Shop on Hulfish Street, points out: "Of course, there is champagne! It is a celebration!"

By the way, not all sparkling

wines are truly champagne. Although the word has come to be used generically, real champagne is only from the Champagne region of France, where centuries of tradition and specifications have created this very special bubbly elixir.

For most people, relying on the experts to take care of all the details, including choice of wines, and/or spirits and beer, and the amount, is a time-saver and a way to avoid wear and tear on the nerves which are often pushed to the max, as it is.

"We are here to make the client's life easier," notes Bob Belmont, manager of Princeton Wine & Liquor on Nassau Street. "The first thing I ask is how many people will attend the event and then how long it

will last. From that point, I can determine the amount of wine, beer, and spirits they will need.

### Rule of Thumb

"A rule of thumb is if there are 100 people for four hours, you will need 600 drinks. You figure on one and a half drinks per hour per person. I usually put in an excess of 15 percent. That way you don't run out and have unhappy guests. Also, we take back anything that is unused and unopened."

"Of course, you will need to know their budget," adds Angelo Gonnella of Claridge Wine and Liquor at the Princeton Shopping Center. Mr. Gonnella has been helping people with their wine selections for more than 40 years.

"We've helped people have a lot of great celebrations," he says, with a smile.

"We determine the budget in the beginning," adds Mr. Belmont, "and whether they want mid-shelf or high-end." Not many want lower end, he notes.

Points out Mr. Chapuis: "You discuss the customers' preferences. For example, they might have fallen in love with a special riesling when they were in Germany. You accommodate them as best you can, depending on their budget. There are many good wines at reasonable prices and for any budget."

All the experts agree that knowledge of the meal to be served is crucial to the choice of wine.

### Good Choices

As Mr. Gonnella says, "You need to know the meals because you don't want the food to overpower the wine, or the wine to overpower the food. For example, riesling can be a little sweeter, and is good if the food is spicy. Sometimes, if the food is very strong, powerful or spicy, then the wine becomes just a quaffing wine."

Advises Mr. Belmont, "Chassagne-Montrachet and Meursault are good choices for a richer chicken dish with cream sauce. If it's a simpler, lighter dish, then chardonnay, chablis, or pinot grigio is good. Cabernet sauvignon or Bordeaux is fine with most beef dishes. Often, for a big group, when filet mignon or prime ribs are served, we'll suggest merlot. It's a bit

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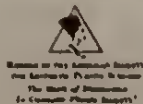
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lighter and smoother and very popular now."

"Over all, for a large event, it's best to have a medium neutral wine, which will not overpower the food, but will be appropriate and noticed," says Mr. Chapuls.

He adds that he likes to be aware of the type and size of glasses that will be used. "This is very important to know in order to determine the quantity of wine needed. You get five to seven glasses out of a typical wine bottle."

When serving champagne, he advises, it is best to use tall, tulip or flute glasses, which capture the bubbles and concentrate the aroma. Round, saucer-type glasses tend to dissipate the bubbles.

Another factor to be considered when planning beverages for the event is the age of the guests.

### Baby Boomers

"The Baby Boomers generally prefer wine, gin, and vodka, and not as much beer. Some younger people like beer, and there are a lot of new fad beers now. When beer is included, we suggest a

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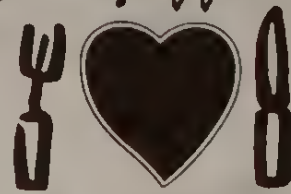
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regular and a light to keep it simple," points out Mr. Belmont.

These experts are experienced at providing libations for a wide variety of events — from weddings to reunions to bar/bat mitzvahs to corporate and political functions to funerals, as well as smaller, more intimate gatherings. All agree that two to three weeks notice, depending on the size of the event, is best for them to prepare properly.

Americans are becoming more knowledgeable about wine, they add, but when faced with a major social event, such as a wedding, they welcome professional help.

"They want advice," says Mr. Chapuis, "and we help them to narrow their choices, and have a successful party. That is our goal."

—Jean Stratton

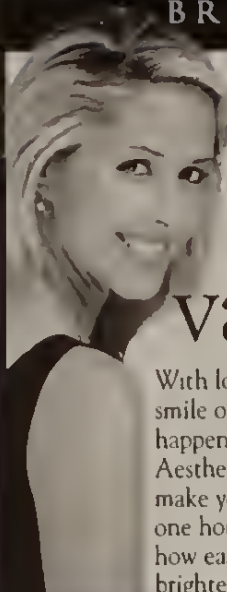
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**Forum Addresses  
 Definition of Marriage**  
 Three forums on the social, legal, and cultural definitions of marriage will be held on Friday, February 18. They are jointly sponsored by the Princeton Theological Seminary's Religion and Society Committee, Mercer County Community College (MCCC), and the Times of Trenton.

The forums will raise issues such as the relationship between church and state as related to the institution of marriage, the theology of marriage as a christian institution, the rights of individuals to choose their own structure for intimate relationships, and the public versus private natures of commitment.

The first forum, "I Do? — The Social, Legal, and Cultural Definitions of Marriage", will take place from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the MCCC Conference Center, located at 1200 Old Trenton Road. A panel of experts will talk, followed by a continental breakfast and audience questions.

Included in the panel will be Professor Carol Sanger of Columbia Law School, who teaches and writes on issues such as contracts, family law, and feminist jurisprudence; Ashton Applewhite, author and board member of the Alternatives to Marriage Project and the Council on Contemporary Families; Rev. Mark Lewis and Rev. Dennis Winslow, a gay couple and plaintiffs in a lawsuit addressing gay and lesbian couples seeking marriage equality in New Jersey; and Hui Chen, Senior M. Div. student at Princeton Theological Seminary and former attorney for the United States Department of Justice and Microsoft Corporation.

The second forum, "Just Whose Business Is Marriage?", will take place from 2 to 4:30 p.m., at the Center of Continuing Education, Princeton Theological Seminary, located at 20 Library Place in Princeton. This session will be moderated by Larry Stratton, an attorney and Ph.D. candidate at the seminary. Panelists include Dr. Russell Niel, lecturer in the Department of Politics at Princeton University; Dr. Tom S. Palmer, senior fellow at the Cato Institute and director of Cato University; and Rev. Nancy J. Duff, associate professor of Christian Ethics at the seminary.

Following dinner at 5:30, the third forum, titled "The Theology of Marriage", will take place from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the seminary. The panelists, who are all faculty members at the seminary, include Rev. Dr. Deborah van Deusen Hunsinger, Rev. Dr. Peter Paris, professor Elmer Homrighausen, Rev. Dr. Dennis Olson, Rev. Dr. James Kay, and Professor Joe Engle. The moderator will be attorney and student Hui Chen.

Participants may register for one, two, or all three forums. The cost for all three forums, including continental breakfast and dinner is \$75. The cost for two is \$45 and the cost of one is \$25. For additional information, call The Center for Continuing Education, Princeton Theological Seminary, at (609) 497-7990. Online registration is available at [www.ptsem.edu/ce](http://www.ptsem.edu/ce).



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